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'America won't be allowed to dictate policy'

Iran threatens to raid US targets

MANAMA, Bahrain, May 2, (UPI): Iran, responding to President Reagan's decision to extend US naval protection to neutral shipping in the Gulf, issued a veiled threat to expand terrorist activities beyond the Gulf region, Western diplomats said.

Iran said it would not allow the United States to dictate its policy in the Gulf, and warned that future "encounters" after recent US-Iranian naval clashes in the strategic waterway could spill over into other parts of the world.

Difficult

Parliament Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani told an opening session of the newly elected body yesterday that "the US administration is taking Americans toward another Vietnam."

"It is not the US which decides the zone of confrontation, and if from now on incidents occur in the Gulf, the region will not be limited to the Gulf," Iran's official news agency, Irna, quoted Rafsanjani as saying.

Western diplomats said Rafsanjani's remarks constituted a thinly veiled threat to extend terrorist activities against US and other Western targets outside the Gulf region.

"The US decision to extend protection to neutral shipping makes it extremely difficult now for Iran to risk attacks" against merchant vessels in the Gulf, said one diplomat who requested anonymity.

"One way we can respond is to use surrogates around the world to attack US targets," Rafsanjani said. Reagan's decision to extend protection to neutral shipping would sink the United States deeper into the Gulf "swamp."

Convoy

The Iranian Parliament speaker, who is also spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini's personal representative on Iran's Supreme Defence Council, accused Reagan of making "a basty and dangerous decision" because of "the approaching end of his political life."

Gulf, Irna reported. "It is naïveté on the part of the US to fancy that Iran will not answer it on the battlefield it opens," Mousavi was quoted as saying.

The Reagan administration began re-registering tankers last summer after a series of attacks on merchant shipping in the Gulf. The 27th convoy of US flag tankers this year passed safely out of the Gulf through the Strait of Hormuz this morning, a US central command spokesman said.

The spokesman said the destroyer Merrill and the guided missile frigate John H. Sides successfully escorted the 47,000-ton US flag tanker Gas King through the Strait at 7 am (0400 GMT) today.

He said the US military sealift ship MV Rover and the US-owned and flagged tanker MV Monarch also were members of the convoy. Tension between Tehran and Washington has been escalating since a suspected Iranian mine blew a hole in the hull of the USS Samuel B. Roberts last month, wounding 10 American sailors. US forces retaliated by attacking two Iranian oil platforms in

the Gulf on April 18, sparking a series of clashes in which six Iranian vessels were sunk or damaged, and a US Cobra helicopter gunship with two crewmen aboard was shot down. Diplomats said Iran was suffering serious shortages of volunteers for the warfront, and this may have facilitated a surprise Iraqi offensive last month.

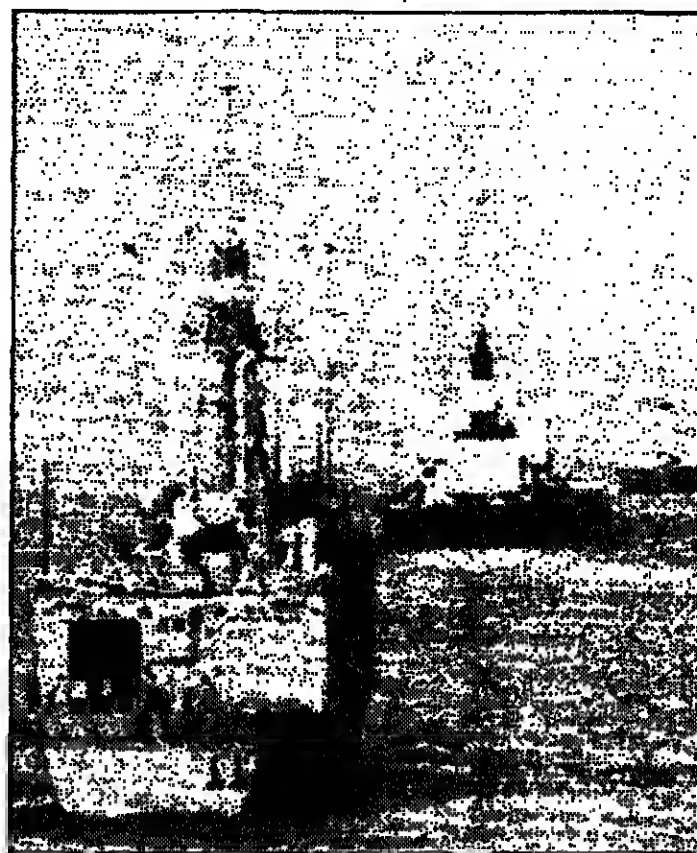
The 36-hour Iraqi offensive ended in Baghdad's successful recapture of the southern Iraq strategic Faw peninsula from Iran after two years.

Talks

In Abu Dhabi, acting Iranian foreign minister had talks about the situation in the Gulf with UAE officials yesterday.

The Iranian envoy last night met UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan.

The UAE protested to Tehran after Iranian gunboats attacked an offshore UAE oilfield during the naval battle between the US and Iran.



The US missile frigate John H. Sides guards a convoy of US flag tankers in the Gulf as they head towards the Strait of Hormuz. (Reuters wirephoto)

21 killed in Jammu hospital collapse

SRINAGAR, India, May 2, (Agencies): A children's hospital collapsed in the north Indian city of Jammu, killing at least 21 people — many of them young patients — the institution's superintendent said.

The hospital superintendent, who gave his name only as Dr Manhas, said 21 bodies had been recovered so far.

Manhas, reached by telephone from Srinagar, said he believed no more than 30 people died in the collapse, well short of the feared 150 deaths reported by unofficial sources.

Patients

The doctor said he did not know how many people might remain buried in the debris of the three-storey government hospital, but he said there were only 66 patients inside.

Manhas said 50 children had been rescued, all critically injured.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) reported from Jammu, however, there were 200 patients and an unknown number of staff in the hospital where the upper part of the building collapsed and crashed through the first floor.

But, Abdul Rashid Khan, deputy inspector of police in Jammu said about 500 people — mostly children and their parents — were in the medical facility at the time of the collapse.

Khan said most of the people were quickly rescued by the hospital staff. He added that doctors and nurses began evacuating the hospital when they saw cracks appear in the walls of the second

floor of the building.

Khan said the unoccupied top floor, which had been completed six days ago as an extension to the 30-year-old building, then collapsed causing sections of the roof to cave in onto the second floor. The first floor was unaffected, he said.

Khan said it appeared inferior building materials used in constructing the third storey and recent heavy rains contributed to the collapse.

Rescue

Earlier, Sushma Chowdhury, the divisional commissioner of Jammu, said seven bodies had been recovered but that he feared the death toll could be "very large."

Soldiers joined police and firefighters to claw through piles of debris to reach the trapped survivors.

Jammu and Kashmir state Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah flew to Jammu, the state's winter capital, to supervise the operation personally.

Thousands of onlookers thronged to the accident site many volunteering to help in the rescue operations involving cranes and earthmoving machinery.

The incident sparked a work stoppage and protests throughout the city, the state winter capital. The PTI said demonstrators shouted slogans that the government had failed to "protect the lives of the children," but the agency reported that the protests were incidental.

Moscow, Washington prevented move

India planned to attack Pakistan

NEW DELHI, May 2, (UPI): India planned to attack Pakistan and destroy alleged training bases for Sikh militants near the border. But pressure from the United States and Soviet Union prevented the move, the Sunday Mail reported.

An Indian government spokesman said the report "has some authority."

The spokesman declined to give further comment on account that Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on April 19 dropped the invasion plans after a telephone call from an unidentified Western diplomat.

A Pakistani official, who requested he not be identified, disagreed with the story in the weekly newspaper.

"I do not visualise such a thing happening," the Pakistani official said. "There has recently been a lot of diplomatic activity, but we have not seen any evidence of military preparations on the ground."

Claim

India and Pakistan have fought three wars since independence in 1947, and an escalation of tensions in February 1987 nearly led to a fourth.

New Delhi claims Islamabad is training and arming Sikh separatists in Punjab, and in recent weeks the accusations have become more fervent mostly due to increased killings by militants armed with assault rifles reportedly sold by Afghan rebels based in Pakistan. Islamabad denies any involvement in Punjab.

The Sunday Mail said during the first three weeks of April, Indian troops were moved into forward positions along the border areas in northern Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir states, ready for staging "Operation Avert."

It said the plan involved a high-

ting attack over the frontier to some three miles (five km) inside Pakistan, where troops of the Indian military — the world's fourth largest — would try to destroy the alleged training camps before rapidly withdrawing.

The report said 150,000 troops and an armoured brigade had been selected for the task at various points along the frontier, but said the "attack corps" had not been summoned and remained in their garrisons.

A source with contacts in the military confirmed that the 11th Corp based in Punjab have in recent weeks been placed on a "defensive combat footing," involving cancellation of leave and distribution of arms and ammunition.

The source said this stage of readiness was enough for a small operation, but there was no sign of any larger massing of armour and artillery that would be required for any full-fledged move to crush Islamabad's forces.

The Sunday Mail said Rajiv on April 19, after returning from Vietnam and Japan where he briefed leaders on Pakistan's alleged abetment of the extremists, received the "abrupt and unscheduled" telephone call from the diplomat and, and some "same advice" from Washington and Moscow.

The next day Rajiv in Parliament made a conciliatory speech on Indo-Pakistan relations, leading to a reactivation of disconnected "hotlines" between the rival nations, and on April 21, his first conversation for nearly three months with Pakistan's President Zia-ul-Haq.

The home secretaries of both nations are scheduled to hold talks on the downslide in bilateral relations in New Delhi on May 13.



General Vishwanath Sharma takes a salute of the guards, after taking over as the 16th chief of Indian Armed Forces. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Most undersecretaries have no degrees

THE Performance Evaluation Committee for Administrative Development and Upgrading Programme has found that 36 per cent of Kuwait's undersecretaries have held the same job for over 15 years and 71 per cent for over 10 years. The committee has also found that 85 per cent of them do not hold university degrees.

The committee said that there was an absence of creative planning among administration in government departments because some people holding

leadership positions have been doing the same job for over 20 years.

In addition twenty-two per cent of the assistant secretaries do not have a university education and 70 per cent have no administrative training, the committee reported.

The committee has recommended that the Education Ministry reduce its number of undersecretaries from nine to four and a number of departments from 38 to 20.

According to a Kuwaiti daily, the committee found that some departments in the Education Ministry had been set up simply to benefit certain people and had nothing to do with actual need.

The committee said that there were 122 management positions currently held by Kuwaitis and 111 non-Kuwaiti experts holding specialist positions.

The committee said that there were significant errors in the statistics on employees and proposed that employees should be properly supervised and evaluated.

Egypt won't attack Libya

CAIRO, May 2, (Agencies): Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak has said that Egypt has no intention of attacking Libya and is ready to open the borders between the two countries provided there is reciprocal confidence.

In a speech on May Day yesterday, Mubarak said that Egypt has kept contacts with the PLO to coordinate and adopt a unified Arab stand.

He said that the US has responded to Egypt's peace effort by dispatching its secretary of state to the region. He added the Soviet Union is also showing a flexible and positive stand towards the Mideast peace process.

However, Mubarak said, the peace effort has met with Israel's rejection which made the endeavour fruitless.

New drug burns off fat

LONDON, May 2, (Kuna): An exciting new drug that helps slimmers "burn off" unwanted fat has been successfully used in the UK, it has been reported here.

And if it passes further rigorous tests, the "fat-vanisher" could revolutionise dieting in future, according to British experts.

Volunteers were delighted to see the scale dropping soon after starting a course of the tablets.

By the end of the 18-week pilot trial at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, Scotland, they had lost an average of just under 11 kilograms.

The drug, BRL works by spreading up the metabolic rate so the body turns the excess fat into heat.

Among the other benefits of the substance was that it promoted a swift and steady rate of weight loss from the first week to the last, the experts added.

But they pointed out that it should be used with a "calorie-controlled diet."

Curfew imposed on Karachi suburb

KARACHI, May 2, (Reuters): Pakistani troops with orders to shoot on sight imposed a curfew today in a Karachi suburb where five people were killed in weekend rioting, police said.

"Curfew violators will be shot," an announcement, over a loudspeaker fitted on an Army truck, said.

Police said authorities had ordered the troops to shoot the curfew violators on sight.

A middle-aged woman was killed yesterday when two ethnic groups exchanged gunfire and hurled rocks at each other in the volatile Orangi area of Karachi, Pakistan's biggest city.

Injured

Doctors said at least 18 injured people, some with pellet wounds, were taken to hospital after the riots between Pashtuns from north-western Pakistan and Mohajir immigrants from other parts of former British India.

"Troops carrying sub-machine-guns on heavy Army trucks announced the curfew with loudspeakers," witnesses who managed to come out of the areas told reporters.

The authorities have done the right thing to stop a blood-bath," Abdul Haq, a garment factory worker, said.

Troops set up barricades and blocked roads to separate war-

ring factions, they said. "Stay in your homes. Don't come out on the roads," a soldier patrolling a poor neighbourhood shouted.

Firemen said the rioters set ablaze shops and vehicles and rained stones down on police and firemen in Orangi, where in 1986 more than 185 people were killed in a day of rioting, the country's worst.

Raid

The latest riots, set off after two motorcycle riders were killed in a road accident, have so far cost the lives of five people and injured at least 50 since Friday, doctors said.

Witnesses said the rioters took a turn for the worse yesterday when people attacked a police station and fired at officers in an attempt to free what they said were innocent people.

Police used teargas to disperse the rioting crowd, mostly mohajirs, and arrested an undisclosed number of people.

Mother stabs 5

NEW DELHI, May 2, (Reuters): A mother stabbed to death four of her children and wounded a fifth after a row with her husband yesterday, the Press Trust of India said.

Palestinian weekly closed down

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 2, (Agencies): Israel closed a Palestinian weekly today, charging that it was funded by terror groups.

A Palestinian teenager died after being electrocuted while trying to hang a Palestinian flag from a utility pole near the West Bank city of Nablus, the Army said today.

The Interior Ministry shut down the East Jerusalem-based Al Awdah, a weekly published in both English and Arabic, determining it was "a tool for terror organisations," according to ministry spokeswoman Tova Elinson.

The closure order was

delivered today to the magazine editor Ibrahim Kareem, who also heads Al Awdah's sister publication, the Palestine Press Service.

The Press Service was a key source of information on the occupied territories before it was shut down for six months on March 30. It has since maintained contacts with foreign journalists.

Yesterday, the Army suspended an officer in command of soldiers who killed an Arab stone-thrower, and 13 Palestinians were injured in scattered clashes with Israeli troops throughout the occupied territories.

The protests broke out as Palestinians responded to a call

by underground leaders to hold a "day of confrontation with Israeli troops."

In the most serious incident, troops shot and killed a 22-year-old Palestinian in the village of Fakus near Jenin, 50 miles (80 kilometres) north of Jerusalem.

The officer heading the patrol has been suspended from duty until the Army finishes investigating the incident, an Army spokesman said. He refused to elaborate, but Israel radio said the soldiers may not have been justified in opening fire.

The shooting brought the Palestinian death toll in the uprising to 169. An Israeli teenager and one soldier have also died.

Security tightened after killing of UK servicemen

AMSTERDAM, May 2, (Reuters): Dutch authorities tightened security today to prevent further attacks in the wake of the slaying of three British servicemen by the Irish Republican Army.

Police searched for clues but said they had no indication yet as to how many attackers were involved and what weapons and explosives they used.

In the southern Dutch town of Roermond, where a British serviceman's car was riddled with

bullets yesterday, police spokesman Harry Claibbers said: "They came from nowhere and vanished in thin air."

He said three servicemen wounded in the attacks remained in intensive care in local hospitals.

The three men killed were identified by the British Defence Ministry as Ian Shinner, 20, who was machine-gunned in Roermond, and John Miller Reid, 22, and John Baxter, 21, who were blown to bits in their car in Nie-

wurbergen.

All three were senior airmen in the Royal Air Force regiment which guards air bases. They were visiting Dutch discotheques and bars just across the border, which stay open later than German ones.

Measures to increase security were taken in utmost secrecy amid apparent fears the IRA might be cycling more targets in the Netherlands after their hit-and-run strikes on British soldiers relaxing off duty.

US arms sales

NEW YORK, May 2, (Reuters): The Reagan administration has told Congress it intends to increase arms sales abroad by 25 per cent, the New York Times said today.

Quoting a confidential report by the State Department, the newspaper said the administration hopes for sales worth more than \$15 billion to 33 countries in the current fiscal year.

DAY BY DAY

EID is quickly approaching and this is a good time for Gulf residents to visit each other. Many residents would like to visit their relatives in other Gulf countries and are looking for easy transportation arrangements.

Gulf airlines should increase the number of their flights during the Gulf states during Eid in order to meet the demands of travellers.

Embassies in the region should also show some flexibility in granting visas to Gulf expatriates, especially those who have relatives in other Gulf states.

These considerations are important because we would like to encourage more travel between Gulf states.

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INTERNATIONAL

Maronite bishop murdered

12 killed in Beirut violence

BEIRUT, May 2, (AP): Shell blasts and staccato outbursts of gunfire shook Beirut today as police reported 12 people killed and 35 wounded in factional fighting in Palestinian refugee camps and neighbouring Muslim slums.

Meanwhile, the Synod of Maronite Catholic Bishops met in an emergency session at the Birkat, residence of the community's patriarch, to probe the kidnapping and murder of Monsignor Albert Khreish, 53, head of the Maronite spiritual affairs court.

The meeting was chaired by the patriarch, Nasrallah Sfeir.

The Maronites, which number about 850,000 are the largest Christian community in Lebanon.

Kidnap
Police said Khreish's bullet-riddled body was found by a hired hunter in a pine tree forest near the mountain resort town of Ghazir in Lebanon's Christian heartland on Sunday.

Gunmen had kidnapped the priest from his home in Jounieh, a Christian port north of Beirut, on April 26. He was still in his

pyjamas when the hunter found the body.

Khreish was the nephew of Cardinal Mar Antonios Butros Khreish, the Maronites' former patriarch.

Police said there were scars of physical torture on Khreish's face and his body was riddled with at least 30 bullets.

They had no immediate indication as to the motive behind his abduction and murder in an area controlled by the Lebanese Forces, the Christians' main militia.

Battle
Christian informants, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the victim's sister is the wife of the elder brother of Nayef Hawatmeh, a Palestinian leader who heads the Moscow-oriented Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

"But no one can ascertain whether this has anything to do with the murder," one informant said.

The Lebanese Forces militia is a bitter enemy of the Palestinians, who fought alongside Muslims in Lebanon's 13-year-old civil war.

At the same time, rival Palestinian groups traded mortar rounds, grenades and heavy machinegun fire at Beirut's Shatila refugee camp today after overnight battles killed two people and wounded 20, Palestinian sources said.

The sound of explosions rocked the capital as commandos loyal to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah group and Abu Musa's pro-Syrian dissident group Al-Intifada (uprising) fired rocket-propelled grenades and lobbed mortar rounds at each other.

The deaths were the first since fighting erupted on Saturday and the latest clashes brought to 27 the number of people wounded.

Dispute
Witnesses said Palestinian residents took advantage of an early morning lull to flee the shabby camp while ambulances raced in and out evacuating the wounded to nearby hospitals.

The fighting later restarted. Palestinian sources said the attacks were triggered by a personal dispute between members of the two factions.

The sources said a committee of various factions held intensive talks to contain the clashes, the worst in the camp since Syrian troops in January stopped a three-year-old "camp war" between commandos and militiamen.

Arafat ended a five-year-long rift with Syria last Monday when he met President Hafez Al Assad in Damascus.

Clash

Ten other people were killed and 20 wounded in night-long fighting between two Shiite Muslim clans in south Beirut's slums of Raml El Aali, or high sands, and Roweisse, police said.

Police said fighters of the Arafat and Awar clans were battling for local domination in the two districts that abut Beirut's airport highway near Bourj El-Barajneh camp.

Justice Minister Nahid Berri's Amal militia moved in after midnight to disengage the combatants and enforce a ceasefire.

An Amal communiqué ordered both clans to lay down arms and withdraw from the streets, warning that violators would be shot on sight.



A plainclothes policeman sprays a Solidarity supporter with a hand-held teargas dispenser and beats him with a rubber truncheon during May Day riots. (Reuter wirephoto)

New US chocolate doesn't melt in heat

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 2, (AP): A new chocolate that won't melt in 90-degree F (32-degree C) temperatures has been developed in the high-technology kitchens of the Columbus-based Battelle Memorial Institute, spokesman said.

Food technologists at Battelle's laboratory in Geneva, Switzerland, are licensing rights to the new chocolate formulation, said laboratory spokesman Bernard L. Vollerin.

"Chocolate should melt in your mouth at approximately 37 degrees Celsius (98.6 degrees Fahrenheit) but it should not melt or become fluid at outside temperatures at the same level," he said.

The development would be a boon to candy distributors, who cannot deliver chocolate during warm weather without expensive refrigerated trucks, and it could keep chocolate sales steady through the summer and in hot-weather areas.

Vollerin said consumers should not notice any difference in appearance or taste.

There's no secret ingredient other than "some traces of natural compounds," Vollerin said. "It's the way we put them in. That's the secret."

The process has been patented and licensed to a Japanese company, and negotiations are under way for the licensing of US and European rights, Vollerin said.

If all goes well, test marketing could begin next year, he said. Geneva's food technology programme also has developed new cookie-baking techniques that spare heat-sensitive fillings such as fresh fruit, nuts or chocolate chips, he said.

Seoul shake-up

SEOUL, May 2, (AP): President Roh Tae-woo replaced the head of the governing party with a moderate today and indicated he would try to work with the opposition after a major election setback.

Roh nominated Yun Gil-Jung, 71, as chairman of the Democratic Justice Party as part of a shake-up after the party failed to retain its majority in the National Assembly in the April 26 elections.

Polish workers seek talks with minister

WARSAW, May 2, (Reuter): Striking steelworkers led by Solidarity activists at Poland's biggest industrial plant have appealed to the communist government's economic overlord to come and talk to them.

In a letter to Deputy Prime Minister Zdzislaw Sadowski, the strikers at the Lenin Mill at Nowa Huta near Krakow said the management was incompetent to resolve their problems.

"We appeal to you, Mr Chairman, to come to Nowa Huta... we ask you to treat this letter as urgent," they said.

Sadowski is chairman of the State Planning Commission and architect of the government's economic reforms, which include drastic price rises that set off the current round of labour unrest in Poland.

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Indian child workers hold first rally

NEW DELHI, May 2, (Xinhua): Over 300 child workers between the ages of six to 16 held a rally here Sunday to air their grievances and urged the government to implement the Child Labour Prohibition and Regulation Act 1986.

This first ever child workers rally was organised by the Forum for Street and Working Children, a one-year-old non-government organisation.

Most of these children live on streets, railway platforms, bus stations and marketplaces. They have either run away from their homes due to acute poverty, child abuse, neglect or have been abandoned by their families.

These children work as rag pickers, coolies, newspaper vendors and shoe shine boys or work at railway stations.

Some of the children said on an average they work 14 to 16 hours a day in return for a meagre wage of 30 rupees (\$2.3) to 50 rupees (\$3.85) a month with some sort of a meal.

According to a national survey in 1982, there are around 18 million child workers below the age of 15 in India.

Children constituted six per cent of the Indian labour force in 1981.

Sri Lankan MP slain in south

Blast hurts 10 in Batticaloa

COLOMBO, May 2, (AP): A time bomb exploded in the Eastern town of Batticaloa today, wounding at least 10 people and destroying a two-storey building, local police and residents reported.

In the southern town of Galle, a member of parliament was killed and three other people were injured last night when Sinhalese extremists ambushed their car, police said.

The bombing in Batticaloa, 230 kilometres east of Colombo, destroyed a Muslim-owned shop called Remix Textiles, city police chief Gamini Senewiratne said by telephone.

He said seven of the injured required hospitalisation.

Police blamed the explosion on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the most powerful Tamil rebel group fighting the Sinhalese-dominated government.

Ambush

G.V.S. De Silva, a member of the governing United National Party, was shot to death after leaving a Buddhist sanctuary in Galle, 116 kilometres south of Colombo, according to police officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

A police inspector, a driver and another civilian in De Silva's car suffered gunshot injuries in

the ambush.

De Silva was injured last August in a grenade attack at parliament that killed a legislator and clerk. The government blamed that attack on the People's Liberation Front, an ultra-nationalist Sinhalese group accused of killing more than 200 government officials and supporters.

The front has vowed to kill anyone who supports an Indian-sponsored peace pact signed last July which grants some autonomy to minority Tamils. Tamils have been fighting for a separate homeland for the past four years in the north and east.

Tamil rebels have rejected the accord. Sinhalese extremists oppose it, saying it makes too many concessions to the minority Tamils.

On Sunday, 26 people were killed when buried explosives were detonated under a bus near the port town of Trincomalee, 240 kilometres northeast of Colombo.

Thirty others were injured, and 15 of them were reported in critical condition.

Sri Lankan military officials blamed the Tigers for the attack.

The Tigers have refused to surrender their arms under the terms of the peace accord.

More than 50,000 Indian soldiers are deployed in Sri Lanka to disarm the Tamil militants.

Tamils are 18 per cent of Sri Lanka's 16 million people, while 75 per cent are Sinhalese. Tamils say they are discriminated against by the Sinhalese who control the government and the military.

PLO denies anti-US action in Philippines

MANILA, May 2, (AP): A PLO spokesman today denied reports that the Palestine Liberation Organisation had sent activists into the country to plant bombs at a US military base.

The denial was issued to news agencies today by Mohammed Hassan Hamdona, official PLO representative in the Philippines.

Hamdona said the reports were "absurd and designed to defeat the Philippine government and people from (their) growing acceptance of the Palestinian's cause and their opposition to the continued repression being waged by Israel against the Palestinian people."

The PLO maintains an office in Manila. Since last year, the organisation has requested permission to open an embassy here, but the Philippine government has taken no action.

Probe

The PLO had nothing to do with the alleged terrorist plan against the base, "if indeed such a plot exists," Hamdona said. "Neither is the PLO interested in terrorism of any kind now or in the future."

Hamdona said the news leak linking the PLO to the alleged plot was attempt by unidentified forces to "internationalise and artificially link the current situa-

tion of the US bases (here) and the Palestinian people's uprising in Israeli-occupied territories."

Angeles City police chief, Lieut. Col Orlando MacAspac said the investigation of Ghesan Shooat Baksh, 32, of Iran, and Kamal Sharif Babi, 32, of Iraq, had provided no evidence the two were linked to the alleged plot.

They were arrested Saturday in connection with the investigation.

"We have found nothing against them," MacAspac told reporters.

He said the two were turned over today to immigration authorities, but will remain in police detention pending the immigration commission's investigation.

During last week's arrests, police also picked up an off-duty US soldier and an Australian tourist who were mistaken for Palestinians because of their beards, but both men were released after an identity check, officials said.

The roundups occurred amid heightened security following receipt by Philippine officials of an intelligence report that Palestinians planned to bomb Clark Air Base and bars frequented by US servicemen during the weekend.

Bangladesh rebels kill 24 settlers

RANGAMATI, May 2, (Reuter): Tribal guerrillas seeking autonomy in southern Bangladesh machine-gunned to death at least 24 settlers yesterday night, raising to 47 the number of Muslims killed in under two weeks, officials said.

They said some bodies were found in the rubble of houses burned down when Shanti Bahini (Peace Force) rebels attacked 24 settlers' hamlets in Manikchhari sub-district in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

At least 10 people were wounded in the attack, only three miles (five km) from the Indian border.

Insurgency
Officials said the rebels came from across the jungle frontier and sprayed their victims, including women and children, with bullets.

"People are very frightened by the state of guerrilla attacks. Virtually they have no defence against the raiders," one villager told police.

The Shantis, made up of mos-

tly Chakma tribesmen, began their insurgency in 1973 after the government turned down their demand for autonomy for the 5,500-square-mile (14,200-sq-km) Hill Tracts bordering India and Burma.

They also want 300,000 Bengali-speaking settlers expelled from the area.

According to official figures, nearly 1,400 soldiers, guerrillas and settlers have been killed in the 15-year-old insurgency, which has also forced thousands of tribes people to flee to the north-east India state of Tripura.

Muslims
Hill Tracts officials said the recent attacks were designed to trigger animosity between tribespeople and settlers that would frustrate government efforts to restore peace in the area.

A joint committee of tribal people and Muslims on Saturday urged Hill Tracts residents not to be misled by Shanti Bahini "propaganda and provocations."

The Shantis, made up of mos-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Promotions

MANILA, May 2, (UPI): President Corason Aquino today ordered her generals "to make their presence felt" among troops in the field and said henceforth promotions will be based on combat experience.

Speaking at the 32nd anniversary of the Philippine Air Force, Aquino also repeated her earlier pledge to improve the condition and fighting capability of the 159,000-member armed forces.

Aquino said she had ordered the decentralisation of the military by dismantling regional commands.

Humane offer

NOUMEA, New Caledonia, May 2, (AP): Three rightist elected officials offered today to change places with 23 hostages held by Melanesian militants, but the main separatist group ridiculed the proposal.

Dick Uckerwe, who represents New Caledonia in the French Senate, said he and two members of the national assembly, Jacques Laffeur and Maurice Nenou, wished to "take the place of the hostages to bring an end to their ordeal and to assume fully our responsibilities."

May Day rally

BERLIN, May 2, (UPI): Police used tear gas and nightsticks to disperse several hundred youths who rampaged through a West Berlin working class district after a May Day rally until early today.

A police spokesman said 134 people were arrested and 53 policemen injured by firebombs, stones and bottles in fighting that began at about 8 pm Sunday and ended at about 5 am today in the American sector's Borough of Kreuzberg.

Hunger strike

ATHENS, May 2, (Reuter): A Greek conscientious objector on hunger strike for 70 days ended his protest last night in a military hospital after the Ministry of Defence said it would reconsider his case, government sources said today.

Michalis Marangakis, 30, was taken to the intensive care unit with heart problems last week from a military prison in the outskirts of Athens where he was serving a jail term of two years and two months for refusing to serve in the army.

Test-tube baby

JAKARTA, May 2, (Reuter): Indonesia's first test-tube baby was born by Caesarian operation today, and both mother and the child are well, hospital officials said.

The 38-year-old mother gave birth to a boy after one of her embryos was impregnated with sperm from her husband in a laboratory testtube.

Jumps to death

NEW YORK, May 2, (Reuter): A senior aide to Maryland congressman died in an apparent suicide yesterday after plummeting from the 24th floor of a New York luxury hotel, police said.

Tom Pappas, an aide to conservative Democrat Roy Dyson, was the focus of an article in the Washington Post's Sunday edition that said he exercised unusual control over Dyson's young male employees, restricting their social lives and ordering one to perform a striptease at an office retreat.

Bush slips in poll

NEW YORK, May 2, (AP): Vice President George Bush's popularity has been slipping while his most likely rival enjoys a favourable view by voters, according to a poll published in a news magazine.

In a poll of 1,075 voters conducted for Time magazine on April 20 and 21, 47 per cent of registered voters said they had a favourable impression of the vice president, compared with 43 per cent, who said their impression was unfavourable.

Shortest river

LINCOLN CITY, Oregon, May 2, (UPI): A civil engineer, prompted to action by Montana youngsters' claims that the Roe river is the shortest in the world, surveyed the D river in Lincoln City, Oregon, and concluded that it should retain world-class status.

Civil engineer Gene Gindler said a sense of civic duty prompted him to "begin his weeklong project after residents became irked at the notion that their river could lose its distinction as the world's shortest."

Air disaster

NEW YORK, May 2, (UPI): An aerial sightseeing tour in the skies over Manhattan turned into a disaster as a helicopter plunged into the frigid East River, killing a Japanese tourist who was trapped under water for more than an hour and a half.

Three other passengers and the pilot were rescued within 10 minutes from the Bell Jet Ranger 206B helicopter that crashed and broke apart near the United Nations shortly before Sunday morning, police said.

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May Day observed

Conspiracy to blackmail
Kuwait has failed

THE Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Sabah said yesterday that the recent malicious conspiracy of hijacking the Kuwaiti civilian aircraft was aimed at blackmailing the country and disintegrating its national cohesion.

In a speech on the occasion of the May Day, the minister said this conspiracy has failed due to the solid stand in rejecting the blackmail as expressed by HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince.

The ministers said that Kuwait has refused to bow to blackmail when Kazema aircraft was hijacked in 1984 and has reaffirmed this stand when "Jabariya" was hijacked this month by a cravine hunch who has sold themselves to the devil.

Sheikh Nasser said when the dilemma was over, Kuwait has emerged as a united one family backing its leadership in faith and determination.

The handling of the hijacking, the minister said, has demonstrated a unique example for other countries of the world to follow in combating terrorism. The tackling of the crisis has won Kuwait admiration of the whole world.

Cover up

The hijacking, Sheikh Nasser said, was planned and implemented at this particular time to serve the Zionist scheme and cover up its brutalities while suppressing the uprising of the Palestinian people which took the form of razing houses to the ground, racist arrests, detentions and torturing of the civilians.

The Zionist enemy, the minister said, has made use of the situation to assassinate the deputy commander in chief of

the Palestinian forces the late Khalil Al Wazir, Abu Jihad.

The Zionist enemy, Sheikh Nasser added, mistakenly thought that by assassinating Al Wazir the popular uprising in the occupied lands could be stopped. But what happened later has shattered the enemy's dreams in view of the violent reactions to the assassination and the escalation of the revolt. The crime has also helped to normalising the Palestinian-Syrian relations which will result in consolidating and coordinating armed struggle against the enemy occupying Arab lands.

Struggle

The minister said "while we celebrate the international workers day, we should remember the heroic and courageous struggle of the Palestinian people under Zionist occupation and the glorious revolution of stoics waged by our Palestinian people against a vicious enemy who is employing the harshest ever known suppressive measures which have exposed to the world the fallacy of the Zionist claims of culture and civilised conduct. The revolution has also affirmed the role of resistance in fighting for the Palestinian people's rights and freedom."

The minister also hailed "the grand Iraqi military victory by winning back the Faw peninsula. The Faw battle has made us relive the glorious Arab historic triumphs which are still our cherished hopes and a source of self-confidence for us."

The minister, in the meantime, appealed for national unity and said it is so open secret now that our country at this stage is targeted by many forces whose hearts are filled with evil and hatred" who fired their poison towards

our country and were assisted, to our regret, by some narrow-minded people who have sold their conscience to Satan."

"As we celebrate the May Day," the minister went on, "we should all realise protecting and defending the country does not only take the form of guns and fighting soldiers but also by enhancing real values without which no country can live."

The country has passed through very difficult events recently, he said, but this was a test for the dignity of the homeland and steadfastness of men and accordingly was demonstrated in the unity of the citizens and the expatriates on this good land.

Talking about the May Day, the minister described it as one of the most important social events in the history of the modern societies.

He added that the whole society observes this occasion to express its appreciation to the workers in recognition of their role to the industry of life and development.

United

In Kuwait, the minister said, "we fully understand the advanced sense of work and workers and we respect them accordingly especially when our society was wholly based on workers without whom we could not have reached this phase of advancement."

Citizenship, he added, means that one uphold belonging, work and justice. We were united in the past by the toil of life and we are united again by our collective determination to create an Arab, Muslim and humane society from within and to condemn aggression and evil from without.

Inspection of
foodstuffs
to be tightened

YOUSEF Al Mailam, the director of the Foodstuffs and Shop Licences Department at Kuwait Municipality, said that his department had transferred a number of food inspectors in an effort to increase efficiency and solve some recent problems.

He added that the department will tighten their procedures on inspecting imported foodstuffs and on checking that local markets sell only foodstuffs within the valid consumption period.

Municipality authorities have requested facilities to export local food produce without any restrictions since it is continuously checked by Municipality inspectors, Al Mailam said.

Amir calls for
developing agriculture

MUTLAQ Al Masoud, a board member of Kuwait's Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources, said that HH the Amir had instructed that Kuwait develop its agricultural sector. He added that toward this goal the authority was establishing a general agricultural policy to be implemented in various stages.

Al Masoud said that the most serious problem faced by Kuwaiti farmers is marketing their produce. He explained that this resulted from a large increase in produce without parallel growth in the market.

He said that neither farmers nor consumers were benefitting

from locally grown produce because the farmers are paid very little and the consumers are charged a lot. He added that the "middleman" is the only one who seems to benefit.

Kuwait Municipality does not allow farmers to market their produce except at the designated vegetable markets, Al Masoud said, suggesting that new markets be opened for local farmers near places consumers frequent.

He recommended that a high tariff be placed on imported agricultural products and that imports be banned during certain months when local production was high.

Contractors blamed for
Dhahar area problems

KUWAIT'S Minister of State for Housing Affairs Nasser Al Roudhan has accused contractors for the numerous problems reported in the Dhahar housing project. He has stressed, however, that the recent case in the Dhahar area was completely unrelated to other construction problems on the project.

The Dhahar housing project, which consists of 2,541 houses, 14 schools, 14 mosques and a commercial centre, has been plagued by problems since its construction in 1984.

The Director General of the Al Issa Establishment, Abdul Hameed Youssef Al Issa said that the defects in the Dhahar houses are the result of faulty design.

Design

In a press conference Sunday night, Al Roudhan said that several investigations have shown that contractors "did not execute the construction properly and did not follow the provisions of the contract with the National Housing Authority."

Al Issa cites a report submitted by the Kuwait Institute of Technology as confirmation that the housing project design is at fault. He added that the National



Nasser Al Roudhan

Housing Authority had dismissed 300 engineers and technicians during construction of the Dhahar project.

Al Issa said that one engineer Wajdi Shaban had been dismissed from the project and deported without being allowed to collect his benefits. He was later called to court to testify.

Al Issa said that the National Housing Authority had offered to give Shaban all of his benefits if he acknowledged in writing that the building defects were due

to faulty construction and blamed the contractor for these defects.

Al Issa added that defects have shown up in a number of houses in the area which were built by different contractors. He said this shows that the defect is one of design and not construction.

Confirmed

The director general said that a report submitted by the Kuwait Institute of Technology and comments made by the Justice Ministry Committee, who reviewed the designs and construction, confirmed that the defects were caused by faulty design. He further said that the National Housing Authority should bear full responsibility for the problems.

Al Roudhan said that the NHA investigations show that the contractors have been asked to make the necessary repairs as construction faults have been reported. Since some of the contractors refused, the case had to be taken to court, he added.

Since last year the NHA has been giving maintenance work to other companies and 900 houses have been repaired at a cost of KD5 million, which had been deducted from the original contractors.

416 people
embraced Islam
last year

FOUR hundred and sixteen people embraced Islam last year before the ratification department of Kuwait's Justice Ministry.

The recently issued annual statistics added that there were 29 Arabs of different nationalities, including one Kuwaiti woman, five Syrians, one Iraqi, seven Jordanians and Palestinians, seven Lebanese, six Egyptians and two Sudanese.

It said that 338 were Asians, with 267 being women. There were 60 Indians, 13 Pakistanis, 141 Sri Lankans, two Bangladeshis, two Koreans, nine Thais and 110 Filipinos.

The new Muslims also included two Ethiopian women, 10 Britons, four Germans, two Frenchmen, three Poles, two Russians, eight Americans, and one each from Mexico, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Hungary, Finland and Denmark.

Sheikh Zayed
sends message
to Gemayel

ABU DHABI, May 2, (Kuna): UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan sent a message yesterday to his Lebanese counterpart Amin Gemayel on the latest Arab developments and the situation on the Lebanese front.

The message was relayed by Lebanese envoy Jameel N'mah, who recently conveyed a similar message from Gemayel to Sheikh Zayed.

Conference on
viral diseases

RIYADH, May 2, (Kuna): King Faisal specialist hospital and research centre will organise a five-day international conference on the impact of viral diseases on the health care and medical services in the kingdom and the Middle East region, due to start its deliberations in Riyadh on June 5.

The conference's preparatory committee has been finalising the required arrangements for the conference. Dr Fadd Abduljabar, the hospital's supervisor told SPA.

He said the conference will have 12 main sessions and three symposiums, adding that 80 research papers will be presented at the conference.

Of these papers, 28 are from inside the kingdom, nine from France, four each from the United States, Canada, Britain, Sudan and Australia, two each from Kuwait and Egypt, and one each from Jordan, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Botswana and Syria.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Egypt's participation in
Arab summit emphasised

KUWAITI daily Al Rai Al Aam yesterday emphasised the importance of Egypt's participation in the forthcoming Arab summit conference scheduled to take place in Algeria.

In a front page editorial the paper affirmed the need of Egypt's attendance in the Arab summit noting that while the world always try to find new dynamic means to boost their interests, the Arab nation has maintained its stagnant situation.

The paper added that Egypt is the biggest Arab power in the Middle East, and the restoration of Egypt means the return of the 'lost balance' with Israel as well as the addition of further potentials to the Arab capability in facing the Zionist challenges.

Calling on the Arabs to reconsider their situation, the daily urged extending loans and financial assistance to enable it overcome its economic crisis.

Egypt's membership in the Arab League is still suspended although most of the Arab states restored diplomatic ties with Egypt following Amman extraordinary Arab summit last November.

US foreign policy

ANOTHER Kuwaiti daily Al Watani said that the US elections are used as a commodity in the US foreign policy with both major parties endeavouring to lay down plans to ensure influence in the Middle East.

Editorially, the paper said that the Democratic and Republican parties are racing to extend support to Israel which serves the US hegemonic plans in the Arab world.

"Some US candidates try to satisfy the Arabs, but soon it is revealed that it was merely game," the daily went on.

Affirming that the US policy is no longer a secret but rather is clearly based on extending all forms of support and aid to the Zionist entity which in its turn use them in implementing plots against the Arabs, the paper noted that the US Secretary of State George Shultz's so called peace plan also was exposed within this context.

Nuclear
medicine
section

A NEW section for nuclear medicine will open soon at the Sabah Hospital and the Military Hospital, Dr Riyadh Al Bahar of the Public Health Ministry said recently.

He told a local newspaper that nuclear medicine was introduced in Kuwait in the early 60's with poor equipment.

The beginning of the 80's saw the opening of many modern hospitals in different areas in Kuwait, and some were provided with nuclear medicine sections.

Sections were opened at the Muharak Al Kahir Hospital, Chest Diseases Hospital, Amiri Hospital, Hussain Makki Juma Centre and Kuwait's University's medical college.

They were fully equipped with the latest instruments in nuclear medicine technology and people were bired from the United States and England to operate them.

He said Kuwait was chosen to organise annual meetings to discuss the latest development in nuclear medicine in the Middle East.

Importance of
family ties
stressed

A KUWAITI newspaper has quoted well-informed sources as saying that the social service department at the Education Ministry has launched awareness campaigns at schools and kindergartens in various parts of the country to stress the importance of family ties.

The newspaper quoted sources as saying that the department prepared these campaigns to remedy the growing disintegration of family ties.

The sources said that with the rapid increase of the population the local traditional social visiting system began to disappear and that one of the objectives of these campaigns was to emphasise the importance of true social and traditional values, such as the regular visiting of one's family members.

Heroic role
of Abu Jihad
praised

SHARJAH, May 2, (Kuna): The Sharjah government today praised the struggle of Palestinian martyr Khalil Al-Wazir (Abu Jihad), noting that his blood had breathed life into Arab veins.

During a ceremony held here under the patronage of Sharjah Ruler Dr Sultan Qassim in commemoration of martyrdom of Abu Jihad, the government representative Obaid Issa stressed the heroic role played by the martyr.

Obaid also hailed the Palestinian uprising, describing it as "a qualitative change" that awakens the Arabs from the Atlantic to the Arabian Gulf.

Chairman of Emirates Public Solidarity Committee Train Imran highlighted the pan-Arab dimensions of the Palestinian question, recalling the history of solidarity by the people of the UAE and Sharjah with the Palestinian people.

Sister of Abu Jihad, Zainah, and acting director of the PLO office in the UAE Khalid Malik also addressed the audience, commended the martyr and the struggle of the people of Palestine.

16 centres to
teach Quran

THERE are 16 centres for teaching the holy Quran throughout Kuwait, with nine for men and seven for women, according to the director of Islamic studies at the Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Ministry, Abdullah Al Najem.

He told a local newspaper that the first centre was opened in 1971 and situated in the capital. The course was of six years duration.

There were repeated demands by women, and in 1977 the first centre for women was opened at Umm Atteyyah Al Ansari school. The first batch of women graduated in 1983.

He said the centres aimed at teaching students to recite the holy Quran properly and to understand its sublime meanings.

Arab health ministers
discuss WHO strategy

GENEVA, May 2, (Kuna): The Council of Arab Health Ministers today met to discuss strategy for the World Health Organisation's annual conference, in session here from May 2 to 13.

One of the main items in front of the Arab ministers and their delegations was the preparation of a resolution to be presented to the conference on the Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab territories, Kuwait Health Minister, Dr Abdul Razzak Youssef Al Abdul Razzak said after the meeting.

The final text of the draft resolution, to be voted on by the 1,200 delegates at the WHO assembly, would be approved by Arab health officials on Tuesday, he noted.

The minister said that the council had also agreed that the next meeting of the WHO's East Mediterranean region, which groups most Arab states, would be in Geneva in October.

Last October, the East Mediterranean meeting was held in Baghdad, and the year before in Kuwait.

Other agenda items had included a discussion on and a decision that Libya would replace Democratic Yemen as an Arab member of the WHO's executive board.

Other delegates at the Council meeting said that the Kuwait Health Minister had been selected by his colleagues to be their candidate for election as chairman one of the key committee posts in the WHO conference.

Qaddoumi lashes
out at America

HEAD of the PLO political department Farouq Qaddoumi said PLO-Syrian reconciliation does not require identical stands but in respect with the Palestine question identical attitudes are inevitable.

Qaddoumi, in an interview with the daily Syyassah said in response to a question, that Egyptian people and Army are a big power, however "we are against Camp David, both as

policy and approach."

He dismissed reports that the PLO made contacts with Washington through Cairo.

The PLO's chief diplomat lashed out at the Reagan administration and Secretary of State, George Shultz.

"This American administration has been aggressive since it took office. It has been hostile to the PLO, and to the Palestinian struggle, and extended aid to Israel more than any other previous administration ever did," he was quoted as saying.

About the Soviet Union's Middle East policy Qaddoumi said Moscow's flexibility toward settling regional conflicts does not affect the Palestinian right to self-determination.

Hindrances

Denying the existence of any hindrances obstructing Arafat's visit to Jordan, Qaddoumi said such a visit to Amman by PLO chairman has "a political significance."

He pointed out that the PLO is keeping on materialising Arab solidarity, and if it was asked to do something in this respect, it will not hesitate at all.

Regarding the meeting held in Damascus between Fatah Central Committee members and Syrian Vice-President Abdel Halim Khaddam, the Palestinian official said it was "warm and satisfactory."

The Palestinian diplomat stressed that restructuring of the Palestine National Council, election of a new PNC Speaker and return of Palestinian factions to the PLO framework are internal Palestinian issues that can only be discussed in their Palestinian context.

Meals for
kindergarten
from next year

ABDUL Aziz Al Jarallah, the Assistant Undersecretary for Administrative and Financial Affairs at Kuwait's Education Ministry, said meals for kindergarten children would be provided by qualified catering companies to be agreed upon by the Central Tenders Committee for the next academic year.

He added that the ministry's central kitchen service would be discontinued and that meals would be provided only by private companies, which would enable the ministry to save on expenses.

Regarding maintenance work at ministry schools Al Jarallah said that it was being arranged in agreement with contractors from specific educational areas.

Traditional shopping, festivities pick up

ALTHOUGH the holy month of Ramadan is characterised by rejoicing for Muslims, it began this year with an absence of this usual joy. Because of the hostages held on the hijacked Kuwaiti airliner at the beginning

of Ramadan, the traditional shopping and festivities were obviously lacking in Kuwait's markets.

Following the release of the hostages, activity picked up with

people returning to the usual visiting and shopping after breaking their fast.

Now streets are congested and shops are filled with people enjoying the evening and long Ramadan nights.



Shoppers enjoy buying clothes at one of the shops during Ramadan.



Toy shops are a popular place for children and adults.

Gulf states
re-thinking
ties with Iran

A NUMBER of Gulf and Arab states are presently re-examining the feasibility of having diplomatic relations with Iran, a local daily said yesterday.

Seyassah newspaper said these countries will take after Saudi Arabia as the last means for putting pressure on Iran and the isolation of the Iranian regime.

Furthermore, a number of Islamic countries are also reconsidering the status of their diplomatic relations with Tehran which has turned down all Islamic efforts exerted with a view to end the Gulf war.

Arab and Islamic efforts will also unify following completion of severance of relations with Iran, to press the foreign countries which have embassies in Tehran for cutting their ties with Iran.

The sources told the daily that Arab Islamic and international unanimity toward this issues will certainly be the move which will put an end to Iran's aggressive and terrorist acts.

South Korea
names new
envoy to UAE

SEOUL, May 2, (AP): Career diplomat Park Jong-Keo has been named South Korea's Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, the Foreign Ministry announced today.

Park, currently chief researcher on Middle East Affairs at the Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security, replaces Park Sun-Ho, who was reassigned to the ministry, it said.

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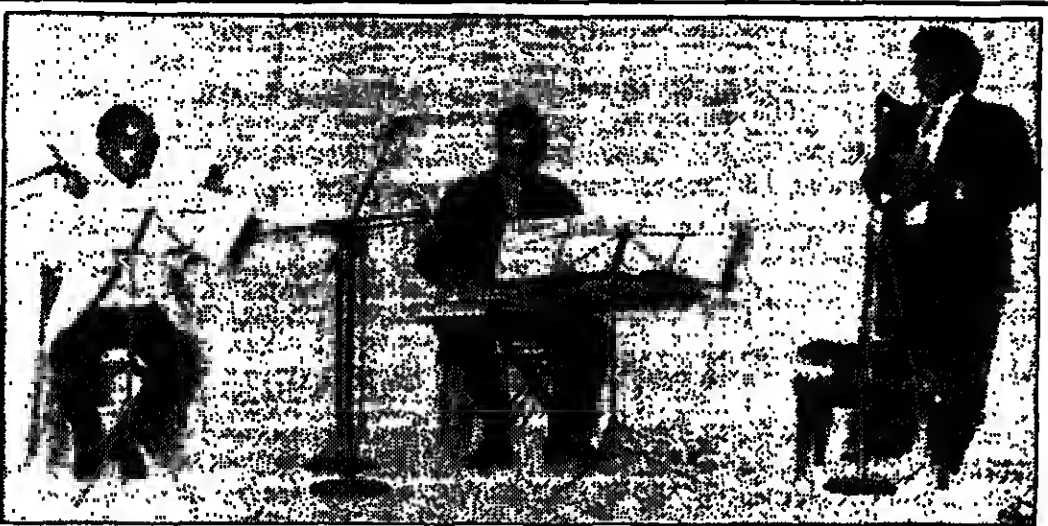


Dr. Raasha Al Sabah, the Assistant Director for Information and Social Services Affairs at Kuwait University, opened a photography exhibition at the University Student Union on Saturday.

The exhibition, organised by the photography staff at the Social Services Centre, includes several photographs and a special section by Kuwait News Agency featuring photos from the hijacked airliner Al Jazeera.

The opening ceremony was attended by the photography instructor at the centre, Al Hadidi, who is leaving Kuwait after many years of service at the centre, was honoured with a commemorative plaque presented by Dr Sabah.

Above: Al Hadidi (right) holds up the plaque presented by Dr Raasha Sabah.



Al Kindi recital

THE French Al Kindi group (above) at a one-night concert held at the Meridien Hotel on Sunday night. The Al Kindi group is currently touring the Middle-East. In Kuwait, they presented a selection of classical Arab music and Western baroque music. (Right) a view of the audience.



Iraqis celebrate Saddam's birthday

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein's birthday was celebrated by the Iraqi Ambassador to Kuwait, Asim Y. Yousef, who hosted a reception at the Sheraton. The party also marked Iraq's recent recapture of the Faw peninsula. A large number of Iraqis and diplomats attended the reception. The highlight of the evening was entertainment by the Iraqi folklore group.

Above: The Iraqi envoy cuts the cake as Qatar's Ambassador Ahmed G. Al Ruhaimi looks on.

Below: Asim Y. Yousef receives the Bahraini Ambassador Abdul Aziz A. Bu-Ali (Photos by Raed Qutina)



BBC World Service highlight

Music laced with showbiz chat

KEN BRUCE presents a new programme of melodic music with an added ingredient on BBC World Service. The programme starts from May 7. (1715 GMT), repeated on Sundays (0230 GMT) and Monday (1130 GMT).

Together with New York, London heads the world in entertainment. New shows, films and concerts are on the menu for anyone seeking a varied cultural diet. Stars of stage and screen are constantly passing through London, and Ken will be catching them en route, along with a bit of news, what's on where, and perhaps the occasional chat with someone from behind the scenes. During the first few weeks expect such names as Joan Baez, Henry Mancini and Art Garfunkel to surface, all to be blended with Ken's usual mix of fine music.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 1.00 Holy Quran
- 1.10 Tao Tao: cartoons
- 2.00 Zahrat Al Saif: historical serial, starring: Abdullah Ghath, Hussein Fahim, Yusef Shaban, Amina Rizk, Insaan Toqi, Hala Fakher.
- 3.00 On Ramadan: religious programme
- 3.35 Jarrooh: daily serial, starring: Zuhair Numan, Maha Saleh, Dawood Jalal.
- 4.45 Tazzawaj: Wa Ibtisam: daily Arabic serial, starring Samir Ghanim, Raghdha, Ahmad Badar.
- 5.30 Hadith Deeni: religious talk
- 6.30 Cartoons
- 6.45 After Ifar
- 7.00 Madinat Al Riyah: children's serial, featuring Khalid Al Obaid, Abdul Rahman Al Aqal, Jassim Nabhan, Mobammad Jaber, Ahmad Saleh, Huda Husain.
- 8.15 A Talk Show on Islamic Philosophy
- 9.00 Dairat Al Khair: on Ramadan
- 9.30 Ramadan contests
- 10.00 News in Arabic
- 11.00 Musafir: Bila Hawaiya: daily serial, starring: Ghanem Al Saleh, Hayat Al Fahad.
- 11.45 Late Night Serial
- 1.00 Qadiyat Al Ustazah Effat: Arabic film.



Soleil Moon-Fry plays Punkey Brewster, on KTV 2 tonight.

starring Hassan Yusuf, Firdous Abdul Hamid, Rashwan Tawfiq, Ajlal Zaki.

2.15 News Summary

2.20 Holy Quran/Closedown

8.00 Holy Quran

8.10 Pole Positions: cartoons

8.30 Punkey Brewster: on Halloween eve, Punkey and her friends harass an old woman living in the neighbourhood.

9.00 News in English

9.40 Islamic Horizon

10.00 Lorne Greene's New Wilderness: a look at the blue stork.

10.30 Leg Work: "Blind

Trust". Claire's maid is sought after by young men after getting a large sum of money.

11.20 Q.E.D.: documentary

12.00 Feature Film: "My Palikari". Starring: Kate Gordon. A Greek immigrant decides to return home after living in the US for 35 years. Trouble starts when his son refuses to go back.

1.30 News Summary

1.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

Urdu

- 1900 Opening
- 1910 Behereza Qaul
- 1916 Programme Preview
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 Press Report
- 1940 Radio Club
- 2000 News
- 2030 Songs
- 2040 Jahan Numan
- 2100 Closedown

BBC World Services

- 0600 World News
- 0630 News about Britain
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- 1000 Citizens
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- 1040 Sports Roundup
- 1050 World News
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- 1110 Network UK
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- 1310 Citizens

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- 0645 Newsweek
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Al Hamra
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Drive-In
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Al Firdous
Shahenshah (Hindi)
Starring: Amitabh Bachchan, Meenakshi

Fahadhel Open Air
Rang aur Sham (Hindi)
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Granada
They Call Him Bulldozer
Al Jahra
Marzada (Bengali)

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ARTS

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An exhibition of paintings by Iraqi artist Saa'd Abbas is open daily from 10 am to 1 pm and 8 to 11 pm at the gallery in the Zahra Complex, Salmiya.

THEATRE

Kuwait Players

Antidote—a Kuwait Players show of quick fire adult comedy sketches ranging from the subtle to the plain crazy—an evening of laughter will be held from May 11 to 15, 7.30 pm, at the Universal American School, Salwa. Tickets—KD 3. For reservations call 5613465; 5610925 (pm) or 5611546 (pm).

Kuwait Singers

"Songs for a Summer Evening" is the title of a concert by the Singers. It will be held on May 31 and June 1 at the UAS, Salwa. Tickets—KD 2. For reservations ring 3940770 ext. 57; 5334873; 5740627 (answering service).

Natya Bharati

Natya Bharati, a group of Indian amateur dramatists, will present a Hindi play, Undersecretary, a comedy, on May 18, 7 pm, at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium.

SOCIAL

I Got Rhythm

A musical show featuring Reem Yousef Kelani will be presented in the Grand Ballroom, Regency Palace Hotel, on June 2, Thursday. Tickets—KD 10. All proceeds will be donated to the British charity Medical Aid for Palestinians to help Dr Pauline Cutting, OBE, and her team, to provide medical care for refugees. For details call 2627003.

Summer Affair 88

The Weekend Club will host Summer Affair 88 at the Regency Palace Hotel on the first day of Eid Al Fitr. Music by Next of Kin, Top Ranks and Apaches. A talent contest with lots of surprises and prizes. Show will be compered by David Burfoot and Julio Cordoz. Dinner features Indian and Continental cuisine. For reservations all Raven, 4714518; Mercedes 4890566; Carmello—4835488/232.

YMCA Holiday Special

The Young Men Cricket Association (YMCA) will hold the Holiday Special on May 17, Messiah Beach Hotel. Highlights are music by Top Ranks with special competitions such as Made for Each Other Contest, Fun King and Queen. For reservations contact Lancy—4814914, 9 am to 4 pm, 3981790; 3929518, 5 to 8 pm.

Swedish Ladies Meeting

Swedish ladies monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 4 pm, at the residence of Mrs Barbro Ericson-Peterson in Surra.

HOTELS

At the Hilton

Break your fast with family and friends in La Palma, open daily from sunset to 1.30 am. La Palma offers light buffet with thirst-quenching drinks and Ramadan specials. A special a la carte menu is offered from 1.30 am.

Entertain friends or colleagues in La Palmier, open daily from sunset until midnight. Coffee, cool drinks, ice cream, fresh juice and pastries are on offer.

The Faiaka Restaurant has been closed for the month of Ramadan.

At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers special Ramadan buffets with Arabic and Continental buffets after sunset until 1 am. Sample Oriental delicacies including foul and falafel at the Ramadan Diwaniya for breakfast (Iftar).

SPORTS

Kuwait Nomads Rugby Club

May Calendar: Thursday, May 5: Game at Fintal Men vs Women plus kids. Game followed by BBQ, KD. 1500 per head. Tuesday, May 10: Club annual general meeting at Gazelle Club, 7.30 pm.

Young Goans Association

Seven-a-side football tournament on May 17/18/19 Sour Ground. Draw on same day at 7.30 am. Tournament begins at 7.45 am. For details contact Almeida on 4813740.

Laser Sailing

Single Design Diaghly Sailing Club is being formed. Laser sailing enthusiasts contact Ken Balman on 5624111 ext. 751/739.

Eat a little of everything but not too much of anything

Maxim of good nutrition

By Arnold Bender

THERE are no good and bad foods — just unhealthy diets. The maxim of good nutrition is eat a little of everything and not too much of anything.

The first rule is variety. The human body needs 13 vitamins, 20 mineral salts, 20 amino acids and certain essential fats.

No single food, however, contains all the constituents of a healthy diet, so variety is essential.

The second rule is: don't eat too much of anything. Food problems are generally problems of excess, not of deficiency. We need a range of nutrients but not excess calories, which for many of us come from too much fat, sugar and alcohol.

To all this is added the proviso that anyone with excess weight should lose it.

The human body is very adaptable. Even people with very poor diets may look and feel well for quite a long time. While there is no proof, there

is evidence that diet plays a part in certain disorders in later life, such as degenerative disease, heart disease and reduced resistance to infection.

The incidence of premature death from heart disease in Britain is one of the highest in the world. Evidence suggests that one of the causes may be our high consumption of fat, especially saturated fat.

This view was endorsed by a UK government-appointed Committee on the Medical Aspects of Food Policy (COMA) in a report published in 1984.

The COMA Committee is appointed to provide authoritative advice on the medical aspects of food-policy and its recommendations were immediately accepted. They were that:

● Total fat intake should account for not more than 35 per cent of the total intake of calories.

● Saturated fat should account for not more than 15 per cent of total intake of calories (the average is currently 20 per cent).

● Intake of simple sugars should not be increased further.

● An excessive intake of alcohol should be avoided.

● Intake of common salt should not be increased further, and consideration should be given to ways and means of reducing it; and

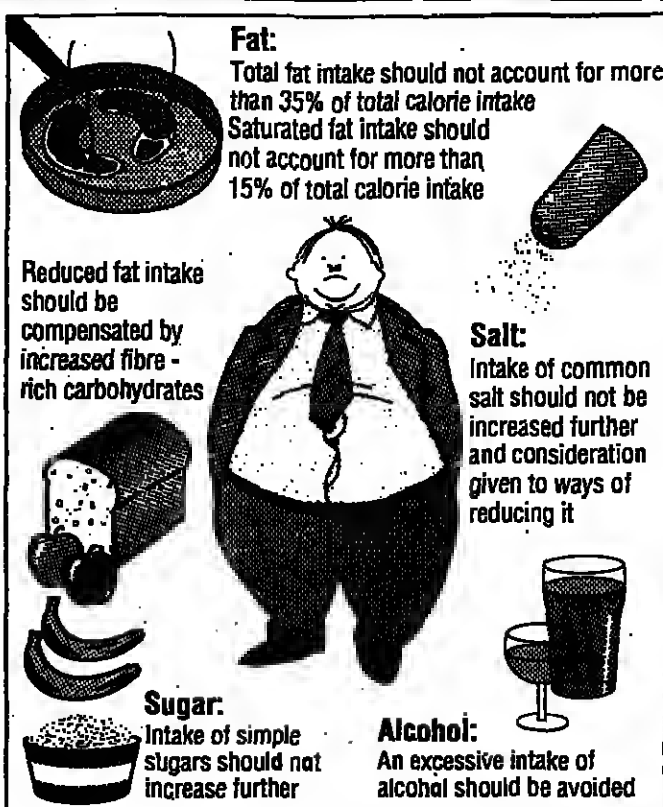
● Reduced fat intake should be compensated by increased fibre-rich carbohydrates (bread, cereals, fruit, and vegetables).

The recommendations apply to the total diet. The COMA report states: "There are unlimited ways in which each individual can act to enjoy an overall diet and lifestyle conducive to good health."

For many people a better diet means eating more fruits and vegetables.

These, together with cereals (especially brown and wholemeal breads), will increase the supply of dietary fibre essential to a healthy diet.

With a wide variety of foods now available, all the year-



round, healthy eating is easier and can be fun.

No-one is offering guarantees that every individual who follows current nutritional

advice will be immune to a heart attack and always remain in perfect health — but on the whole it is likely to be beneficial.

Exercise: is it too much of a good thing?

By Jane Sutton

NEW studies show too much exercise can actually reduce longevity and that compulsive exercise addicts may be taking years off their lives by working out too hard for too long.

No one is arguing against regular exercise, but the research indicates there can indeed be too much of a good thing.

In a recent study of 17,000 Harvard alumni, a Stanford epidemiologist found those who exercised heavily actually had a slightly shorter life expectancy than more moderate exercisers.

A recent issue of longevity, a monthly newsletter published by Omni magazine, suggests athletes who burn more than 3,500 calories a week — the equivalent of running more than 35 miles (56 km) — may increase their oxygen intake so much that they increase the generation of free radicals in their blood. Free radicals are breakdown products of oxygen and are believed to contribute to ageing and cancer.

Most researchers agree regular exercise can help relieve stress and prevent disease. What no one has been able to figure out is exactly how much exercise is too much.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in the US recommends 20 to 30 minutes of brisk aerobic exercise three to four



Exercise addicts are more likely than other people to injure themselves.

times a week. Its guide, Exercise your way to better health, updated recently, advises healthy adults to calculate their optimum exercise level with a formula based on the fastest rate the heart should beat.

Ideally, the target pulse rate during exercise should be between 60 per cent and 75 per cent of that maximum heart rate the booklet says.

To find that target rate, subtract your age from 220 and multiply that number by the

desired percentage. For example, a 40-year-old who was just beginning an exercise programme would probably want to start at 60 per cent of his maximum heart capacity.

So, 220 minus 40 equals 180, and 60 per cent of that is 108. During aerobic exercise, his heart should beat at 108 beats per minute to achieve the minimum training effect.

Exercise below 60 per cent does not provide adequate cardiovascular conditioning, and exercise beyond 75 per cent of the maximum heart rate can be too strenuous, the booklet advises.

Cautions

But the booklet cautions that that method does not take into account individual differences. Scientists have long been searching for some sort of marker, perhaps some blood measurement, that could indicate exactly when an athlete is overtraining.

"So far, there's been nothing. About the only way you can determine overtraining is by feeling it. You're not only feeling very fatigued, but your performance is falling off," said Bill Fink, a sports medicine researcher at Ball State University.

"What happens to the psyche of an athlete is that he will get to a point where his performance doesn't improve any more. What he will do is



Compulsive exercisers frequently feel that their lives are unfulfilling.

increase training, thinking he has somehow slipped. That's exactly the wrong thing to do. As that person digs his way into 'grave', Fink said.

Dr Connie Chan, a psychologist at the University of Massachusetts in Boston, has treated people she considers "exercise addicts," people who are just as dependent on exercise as drug addicts are on drugs.

"We define it as someone who, if they are forced to miss it

for whatever reason, they suffer withdrawal symptoms," Chan said. "Their schedule and their day are organised around it. Exercise becomes the No. 1 priority. They are so preoccupied with it that other parts of their life are pushed aside."

The withdrawal symptoms range from guilt and irritability to depression and loss of self-esteem. Exercise addicts are more likely than other people to injure themselves, because they push themselves too far, Chan found.

"They tend to go beyond their capacity. They take aspirin and pain killers to keep doing it when it already hurts," she said.

No one knows how common exercise addiction is. Federal studies suggest most Americans are still at the opposite end of the spectrum.

In a survey of 25,000 adults, researchers at the centres for disease control found only 8.2 per cent exercised often enough and hard enough to improve their physical fitness. More than 25 per cent never exercised at all.

"My feeling is that a lot of people who do aerobic exercise virtually every day, the people who are running or doing aerobic dance, perhaps swimming or hiking every single day, I think a large percentage of these people are addicted," Chan said.

How long have men been smoking?

● In the industrial world, the bad habit among men became widespread at the time of World War I, 1914-1918, peaking in the mid-1970s.

● In the Third World, cigarette smoking became predominant; later — in the mid-1970s — and mainly among men. However, developing countries are now the biggest market for the tobacco industry.

How long have women been smoking?

● Since World War II, 1939-1945. But as a result of advertisements in the 1960s which, for instance, linked smoking to women's rights and proclaimed "You've come a long way, baby," today women are lighting up more than men.

● From 1960 to 1980, the mortality rate for females from lung cancer doubled in 28 industrialised countries.

● Since the mid-1980s, lung cancer has been overtaking breast cancer as the most common form of female cancer in the United States, the first country showing this trend.

● Lung cancer is projected to be the No. 1 form of cancer for females in the United Kingdom by 2010.

Are filter-tip cigarettes hazardous?

● No. A filter does not screen out carbon monoxide, or other harmful gases in the smoke. A filter-tip smoker is still a prime candidate for a coronary heart attack or stroke.

Are cigars and pipes less of a threat to the smoker's health?

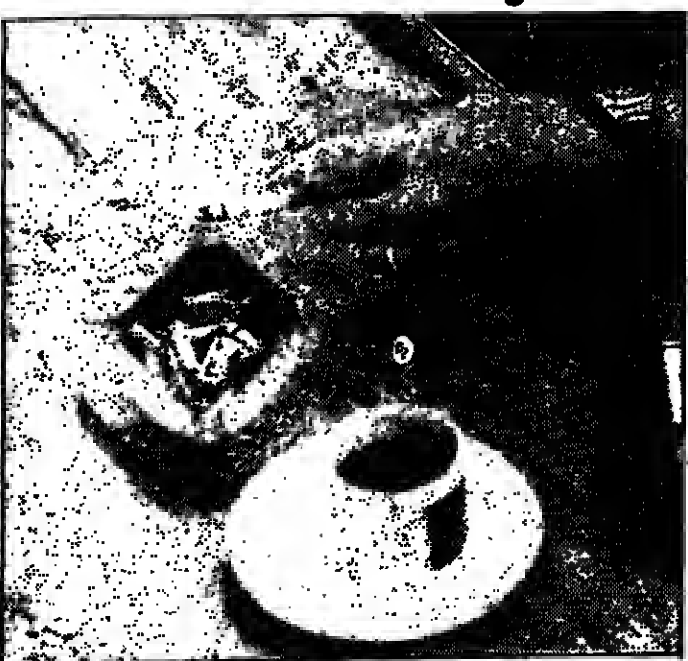
● Marginally less if not inhaled; however, the tobacco used in cigars and pipes is higher in tars and nicotine than in cigarettes.

● The smoke from cigar and pipe is thicker and consequently constitutes a greater risk to the non-smoker.

What is "smokeless tobacco"?

● It's tobacco that is not smoked, but chewed; or left in the mouth, even overnight; or snuffed. It is marketed as moist snuff, which is tobacco finely cut, as chewing tobacco, which is coarsely cut, as dry snuff, which is dry and finely powdered.

Smoking: the facts and myths



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Is smokeless tobacco a safe alternative to cigarettes?

● No, although promoted as such. It is a cause of mouth cancer and tooth decay. Smokeless tobacco contains not only carcinogens but also nicotine, which makes it an addictive habit-forming cigarette.

Isn't smoking an issue of personal choice, as has been claimed?

● No, because implicit in choice is the capability of saying "yes" or "no." The smoker who cannot quit is essentially an addict who can't say "No."

● The tobacco addiction is generally begun during pre-teen years by youngsters who are unaware of its consequences, and who thus fall easy prey to advertising and promotion.

There is no adult, rational judgement involved.

What is "passive smoking"?

● A non-smoker who is forced to breathe the smoke-filled air,

and who thus becomes, paradoxically, a non-smoking smoker.

How is passive smoking harmful to health of non-smokers?

● Tobacco smoke contains chemical properties that irritate the eye, nose and throat of non-smokers sharing an indoor space — an office, or a public place — with smokers. It is, however, more than just a simple nuisance, but a health hazard.

● Non-smoking wives of husbands who smoke, have shown a higher rate of lung cancer than women married to non-smokers.

● In the first decision of its kind, in 1985, a Swedish court ruled that smoking by colleagues had been the "probable cause" of death from lung cancer of a non-smoking office worker, and was thus an occupational

injury. The family received compensation.

● It has been calculated that each year passive smoking accounts for 4,000 to 5,000 deaths in the United States, and 1,000 deaths in the United Kingdom.

Is it difficult to break the habit?

● Yes, because tobacco is dependence-producing. The majority of those who quit do so "cold turkey" — that is, making a clean break and through determined will power, outlasting the withdrawal symptoms.

● It is being done also through cessation courses, through group therapy, discussions and counselling.

● The first step is a decision to quit — for the sake of the smoker's health; or for the sake of the smoker's family, because smoking is slow motion suicide and unbearable to witness; or for social reasons.

What are public health officials advocating?

● That non-smokers have a right to breathe smokeless air; most importantly in work places but also in indoor public places, particularly where food is served.

● That the medical profession itself, especially doctors and nurses, as well as hospitals, set an example of non-tobacco use.

● That in countries where smokeless tobacco is not used, a "preemptive ban" be placed on promotion and sales and where it is used, that it is subject to regulations similar to those applied to cigarettes.

What are the benefits of breaking the habit?

● Goodbye to "dragon's breath," to smelly hair, clothes and curtains; to stains on teeth and fingers; to accidental house fires, or burns on table clothes, furniture, mattresses, rugs and sofas; to apologies for smoking in company — and to an expensive addiction.

● Hello to more money to spend on better, essential things, or to save; to fresher breath ("Kiss a non-smoker, taste the difference," as health education posters say); to a wholesome feeling of well being — and to a better, healthier lifestyle.

Tips to combat weak knees

NOT only housemaids suffer knee trouble. Virtually all of us have a problem at some time in this vulnerable joint.

Skiing, football and rugby give rise to some of the worst injuries. Vivian Grisogono, a physiotherapist who set up the first full-time sports injuries clinic at Crystal Palace, has seen them all. In her new book, Knee Health (John Murray, £6.95), she explains in detail how the knee works, how to prevent injury and describes first-aid and self-help. The golden rule is to avoid repetitive jarring.

Among her hints on how to avoid weakening your knees are:

● Do use them: muscles stiffen if kept idle in one position for long periods.

● Do watch your posture: do not overload the joint by standing with weight over one knee or stress ligaments by sitting with knees crossed and twisted awkwardly.

● Do exercise: to strengthen muscles and so "hold the kneecap in balance." If standing for long periods bend and stretch. If sitting straighten by lifting heel off floor or stretch out leg.

● Do practise the "kneecap twitch": sitting or standing, tighten on thigh to pull kneecap upwards, keeping the knee straight, then try to flicker muscles to twitch the kneecap.

● Do not overload knees: if lifting heavy objects, bend knees evenly, keep back locked, straight and carry load as close as possible to the body. Do not wear high heels for very long periods: counter-act their effect by going barefoot in the house.

● Do study correct sports techniques: take it slowly at first. Do emulate churchgoers: cushion or pad knees if they are under direct pressure.

● Do not delay seeking advice if you find swelling or inflammation. It is important to avoid building up long-term trouble.

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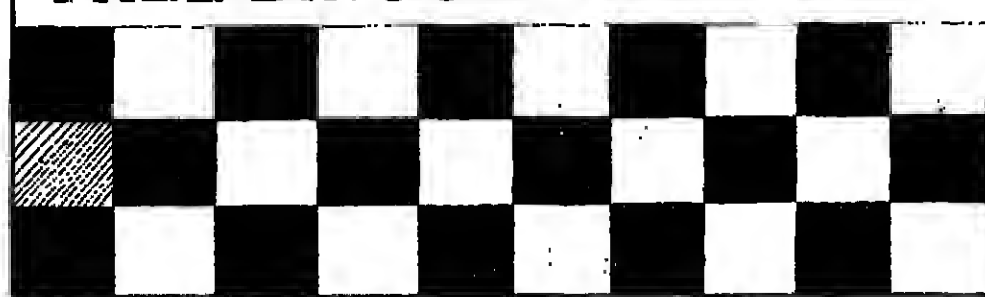
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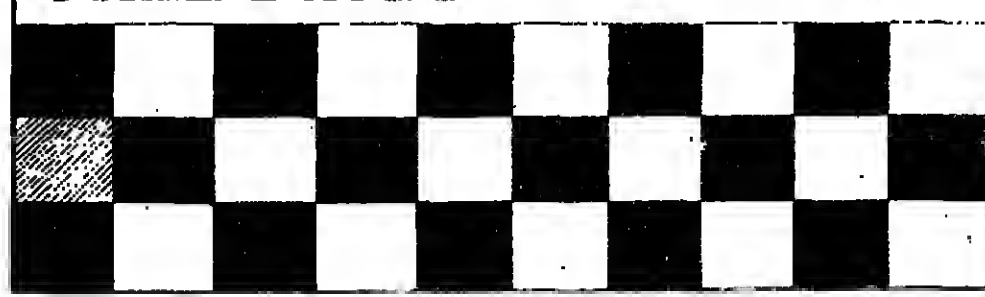
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Thought for today

FORTUNE is not on the side of the faint-hearted — Sophocles, Greek dramatist (about 496 BC - 406 BC)

OPINION

Iran is lying to its own people

IRAN is talking a lot about the US and other countries these days.

It claims that these countries helped Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait to go to victory over Iran.

When Iran makes such claims it shows that it is suffering from failure and defeat. The Iranian people, who have been told by their government that they belong to a country that cannot be defeated, are surrounded by evidence to the contrary and are looking for an explanation for their failure.

Iran understands that it cannot say to its people that they have been defeated by Iraq. After all, they have been telling the people that the Arab Muslim countries would be easily defeated.

The splintered Iranian government refuses to acknowledge its defeat by the real victors and searches for justification for its failure.

It claims that it was defeated by the big devil, the US; Russia or even China. According to the preposterous claims of Iran, these are the countries they have defeated.

Iran claims that it was not defeated by the Iraqi Army, which threw Khomeini's soldiers into the Sattar Al Arab waters, and foiled Iran's dreams of victory for the last eight years. Iran will not admit that its plans have been thwarted by the will of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Iran laughs at its people now, just as it has laughed at them over the last eight years. They fooled these poor people when they said the Iranian Army had entered Karbala, the holy Shi'ite city in Iraq. Iran is not going to liberate Jerusalem and kick the Jews out of Palestine either.

Iran continues to lie to its people. It does not want to admit that it was defeated by the Arabs, especially Saddam's Army, but would rather say they were defeated by the "big devils".

By such lies Iran displays its arrogance and dreams. This arrogance has resulted in embroiling the whole Gulf region in a tragic economic, social and political situation.

Blaming their defeat on the superpowers shows that Iran is really suffering. This is a good indication that Iran is truly defeated.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

When Paris burnt two decades ago

Insurrection shook French society to its roots

By Sydney Rubin

PARIS, (AP): May 3, 1968, began like any other Friday in the capital, with no hint that soon there would be blood in the streets. By evening, students and police had drawn battle lines for an insurrection that would shake French society to its roots.

The month-long series of strikes, protests and pitched battles that rocked the Fifth Republic nearly brought down the government of Charles de Gaulle. He resigned as president the next year.

Thousands were injured, city streets were torn up and cars torched.

When the tear gas cleared, a new libertarian tolerance was in the wind and the twin pillars of French politics — Gaullist nationalism and communism — were permanently fractured.

The uprising helped change the way French view themselves and their society. It encouraged debate on social issues where little existed before. Family life, relations between the sexes and popular culture were infused with new ideals.

Problems
Today's France has other pressing problems — unemployment of 10.5 per cent and a low economic growth rate, a large trade deficit and agricultural disputes, university frictions and ethnic unrest.

But two decades after May 1968, the revolt still reverberates in French minds. David Cause, British author of the newly published

book "Sixty-Eight, the Year of the Barricades," called it the greatest popular uprising ever experienced by a capitalist democracy in time of peace.

"It was a revolution in the way we live, a transition from an old, rural France where everyone had great respect for central authority toward a modern, urban France of more liberal individualists," said Regis Debray, then a radical and today an adviser to President Francois Mitterrand.

The unrest in France was part of a common impulse felt by a global generation, the affluent post-war children who, from Berkeley to Berlin, focused their anger in protests against American involvement in Vietnam. Today, many of these angry young men are leaders of French society.

Protests
The flashpoint of the May events was the suburban campus of Nanterre. A general malaise, fuelled by anti-war sentiment and the alienation of students in a brashly modern campus surrounded by slums, triggered protests that led to the closing of the school in March.

On May 3, 500 students staged a sit-in at the Sorbonne to protest disciplinary action at Nanterre and by late afternoon masses of riot police surrounded the school and began making arrests.

Students snored from Latin quarter cafes with shouts of "Libere nos camarades," (Free our comrades). Fighting began. A frantic administration shut



Charles de Gaulle

down the Sorbonne, for only the second time in 700 years.

A week of shocking violence followed. Students erected barricades, up to six feet (1.8 m) high, built of buses, felled trees, benches and street signs. Cobblestones were ripped from the streets and hurled at police.

Riot police clubbed students and chased them through narrow streets, sometimes blocking medical help to the injured. Left Bank neighbourhoods floated in singing clouds of tear gas.

Dazed

Writer Mavis Gallant, in her recently-published diary, described the morning after a violent clash that injured 367 students.

"Ripped streets around the Luxembourg station. People who live around here seem dazed ... paving torn up ... where I used to live looks bombed. Burned cars, ugly, gray-black ... armed

men and unarmed children ... we all feel sick," she wrote.

Mark Kravetz, a leading student figure on the barricades and now foreign editor of the daily Liberation, said the burning car is the single image on the street fighting which endures in French minds.

"The car was the symbol of middle class achievement. And bourgeois values were going up in smoke," Kravetz said.

More than a million people formed a river of flags and banners pouring down Left Bank boulevards on May 13 and reports of demonstrations came from university towns throughout France.

By mid-May the brutality had swung public opinion behind the students.

Then something even more astonishing happened. In a spontaneous wave that swept across the nation, more than 9 million people went on strike.

Normal life in the capital came to a halt. It was impossible to buy a newspaper, go to school, send a letter, cash a cheque, ride the bus or metro, watch television or take a train out of Paris. Fighting ended, people, who remembered the war, began heading cigarettes, sugar and canned goods.

Garbage piled in the streets. The Odéon Theatre was occupied by students and workers holding marathon debates on creating a new society. Even rugby players went on strike.

The strikes marked the beginning of the sharp decline of the

Communist Party among French voters. Labour unions and student groups controlled by the communists were ambivalent about the uprising, viewing it as an uncontrollable revolt of spoiled, middle-class kids. That attitude permanently alienated intellectuals and youth and contributed to the eventual election of a Socialist president, Mitterrand.

More significantly, French politics was confronted with a new force — the media. Young people discovered that television, radio and newspapers didn't just report events, they helped create them.

Conquest

"1968 was the beginning of the media's conquest of French politics and life," Debray said.

No one understood this better than Daniel Cohn-Bendit, the best known of the radical student leaders, dubbed Danny the Red for his rusty hair and provocative style.

Cohn-Bendit, born in France of German parents, now publishes a current affairs magazine in Frankfurt. At 43, he still lives the life of a free-lance radical, writing books and working with West Germany's anti-establishment Greens Party.

"I believe I can still legitimise everything I do from my standpoint in 1968," Cohn-Bendit said in an interview with the Associated Press, adding that the events 20 years ago irrevocably changed morality, sexuality and French education.

Alain Peyrefitte, who as De

Gaulle's education minister in 1968 considered Cohn-Bendit a troublemaker, now agrees with his assessment of the events.

"I was against the movement and felt it was my duty to limit it at the time. But I recognise that in the long-term the effects were good," said Peyrefitte, now head of the editorial board for the conservative daily Le Figaro. "People became more responsible for their lives, gained more dignity and felt more free."

Young people involved in the uprising realised they didn't need a cabinet post to wield power; they needed two minutes on the evening television news.

"We stopped thinking in terms of traditional politics," said historian Herve Hamon, once a student of the barricades and now author of a history book of the 1968 generation.

Hamon said his peers rejected politics and pursued instead careers in medicine, teaching, the arts and, above all, journalism.

On May 30, De Gaulle, made a long-awaited radio speech, reassuring French citizens, who were fed up with upheaval, that the government was in control. Hours later, millions of Frenchmen jammed the Place de la Concorde, waving the French flag. The nation cooled down as abruptly as it caught fire.

Under De Gaulle, a series of reforms came in late 1968 to decrease the number of students per classroom, increase personal contact between students and professors and decentralise control of schools.

US predicts rise in Mideast violence

tains eight training camps in the Syrian-controlled Bekaa valley of eastern Lebanon, he said. Assad, in an attempt to win US support, expelled Abu Nidal from Syria last summer.

But Bremer said the group's presence in the Bekaa is a continued irritant in US-Syrian relations.

Apprehended

Abu Nidal operatives were apprehended in the Philippines during the past six months, said a US official, who asked not to be named. He said Libya also has links with the Filipino Moro guerrilla group of the southern island of Mindanao in the Philippines.

Several minor bombings in Jordan during the last few months may have been the work of Abu Nidal, said the official.

Having been intimidated by the US bombing raid two years ago, Libya has been "casting about looking for surrogates" to carry out terror attacks, Bremer said.

Among the candidates are

Abu Nidal and the Irish Republican Army, the US envoy said. Libya is believed to have shipped the IRA hundreds of tons of Soviet-made missiles during the past three years.

Caught

The American terrorist expert noted that the attack was carried out a day before the 15th anniversary of the US bombing of Libya. He also noted the case of a JRA member caught on April 12 by police in New Jersey with two bombs in his car. Bremer said the Japanese suspect may have planned to use the bombs on the anniversary date.

In general, terrorist attacks in 1987 rose by 5.9 per cent over the 1985 figure — from 785 to 832, according to figures compiled by Bremer's office.

Australia lures rich foreigners

By David Huynh

SYDNEY, (Reuters): Australia is promoting a plan to lure rich foreign settlers as part of a new immigration policy.

Government officials said the Business Migration Programme (BMP) introduced six months ago would at least match similar campaigns in New Zealand, the United States and Canada to attract foreign wealth.

The Federal Immigration Department said it would give business migrants priority over those wishing to enter the country under non-business categories, including family reunions.

The government has given permission to about three dozen "immigration brokers" — mostly legal and accountancy firms — to help cut red tape and speed up procedures.

Applicants screened by these agents and certified as legitimate and genuine migrants were almost certain to receive visas allowing them to stay permanently, government officials said.

The brokers would help privacy-conscious business people bypass the Australian embassy and deal directly with them.

Innovative

Davie, who is also director of a legal firm, said the government's policy of a "self-regulated industry" was innovative and far-sighted.

Immigration Minister Clyde Holding said earlier this month Australia would increase its annual migrant intake this year to 132,000 from 120,000 in 1987. But the focus would be on the BMP and people with skills the

country needed.

"The government dismissed criticism that the programme was aimed at raising funds by selling off permanent residency visas to rich foreigners."

"Somebody could come along with \$5 million and we could reject them if we don't think they will benefit Australia," a senior immigration official said.

"Business migrants must bring in money to set up businesses that would benefit the Australian economy through the creation of jobs and new technology, he said.

Entry

Many consultants said applicants under the BMP were almost certain to gain entry if they had at least 500,000 Australian dollars (\$370,000) as a reasonable business and character record.

"In other categories, only one in 15 gain permanent resident status."

"Some agents said the BMP could lead to abuse because it did not require migrants to report commercial progress and activities after their entry into Australia."

For example, migrants could take out short-term loans in their countries and then repatriate the funds after arrival in Australia, they said.

Bernard McInerney, chairman of an accountancy firm, said: "I feel there has to be constant monitoring of these migrants to ensure they live up to the requirements."

"If the authorities do not do that, then I believe ill-feelings will build up among the Australian public against these people. And that's a good recipe for failure," he said.

The Immigration Department said it would revamp the present monitoring system to ensure that business migrants provided regular returns on their business ventures.

Britain's political tradition

Question time in Parliament

By Maggie Jackson

LONDON, (AP): At 3.15 pm most Tuesdays and Thursdays, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher marches into Parliament for one of Britain's liveliest political traditions — question time.

The gallery is packed as Thatcher joins with opposition lawmakers amid a roar of shouts, boos and interjections by other members of parliament.

Millions have heard question time through audio tapes released in radio and TV stations. But from this fall, Britons at home will be able to see question time for the first time, following a Commons decision to let in TV cameras.

The speaker of the house, Bernard Weatherill, best known for crying "order, order," during sessions, says he thinks question time may quiet down when television enters the chamber, on a trial basis, for six months.

"I think the new stars are likely to be the reasonable members," he told the British Broadcasting Corp.

Opponents argue that TV will encourage showing off. Strathclyde University in Scotland has offered to teach lawmakers how to perform for television for £150 pounds (\$235) a day, but says no one has yet signed up.

Thatcher brings a thick notebook of answers to question time, packed with statistics and policy statements to hurl at the shouting parliament members. Fifteen minutes later she departs, tempers cool, and the House of Commons begins its business for the day.

Born in 1721 to allow lawmakers to obtain information, question time has developed into a test of ministerial mettle and, some say, a publicity show.

Other ministers also must undergo such interrogation. But the prime minister's question time is easily parliament's most uproarious feature. In 1901 a house leader called it a "scandal," and today, many say it is more furious than ever.

"It's turned into a kind of gladiatorial battle," says London School of Economics Professor Alan Beattie, a specialist in parliament. "It's very noisy and very crude."

"It's become waste of time," says Tim Dwyer, a Labourite expelled from the house for five days last year for calling Thatcher "liar" in parliament. "It's hulla-balloo."

The curtain rises on question time, a mixture of ancient pomp

and modern informality that sometimes seems like theatre, as 62-year-old Thatcher takes her seat on the government side of the house. Lawmakers lounge on their green leather pew-like benches sit up alert.

Question from Ron Davies of the opposition Labour Party:

"In her endeavour to re-establish the bonds of family life, has the prime minister ever given any consideration to the value of a wife? Is she aware that the Forestry Commission ... is offering in compensation £2 per week for each keeper's wife?"

"Given that the Forestry Commission pays the same keepers 45 pence a week for a ferret (to track rabbits) and 2,300 pounds a week for a dog (to track intruders), should she not intervene?"

Thatcher replies: "I think the honourable gentleman will be aware that the budget set out considerably to help wives ... we on this side value them very highly."

The sound and fury rises steadily, and by the time Labour leader Neil Kinnock begins criticising Thatcher's welfare reforms, her voice is barely audible.

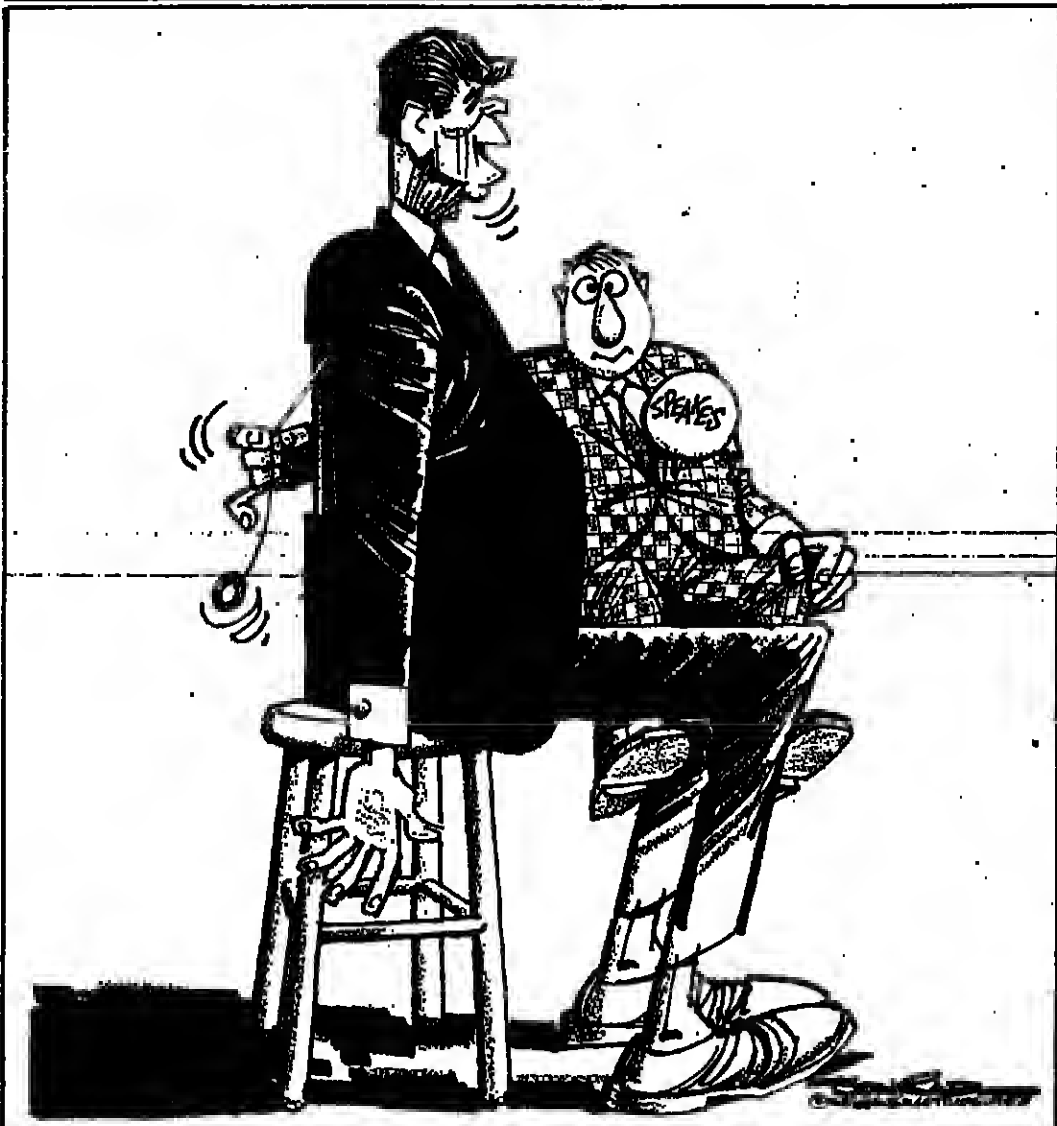
Futile
She calls Kinnock's remarks "utterly futile," as lawmakers scream "answer the question," "you're wrong," "savily on statistics for her; yes, while some of her predecessors have preferred barbed repartee."

The late Winston Churchill was once asked: "Is the prime minister aware of the deep concern felt by the people of this country at the whole question of the Korean conflict?" To which Churchill snuffed: "I am well aware of the deep concern felt by the honourable member in many matters above his comprehension."

Thatcher's near-decade in power has led to frustration in opposition ranks, and her personality has caused more friction than perhaps any other British leader, Beattie says.

"The strategy she adopts is that you don't worry if the opposition hates you, you worry about whether your own side thinks you've won," says Beattie. "She certainly adds an element of abrasion."

Some day speakers tolerate more disorder both in debate and question time to ensure the protection of minority party rights, a practice which they say has led to increased unruliness throughout the house.



America suffers setback in C. America

By Norbert Schnorbach

MEXICO CITY, (DPA): The United States has in recent weeks suffered a stunning string of setbacks in Central America. Washington's best-laid plans for Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama have taken a beating.

Mexico and Guatemala have criticised US interference in the region with unusual sharpness. American military intervention in Panama and Honduras has set off a wave of protest throughout Latin America.

Anti-Americanism has experienced a sudden revival in a region rich in conflict. When Honduras shut schools and universities recently following bloody protests against American policy, observers saw a turning point.

Loyalty

The deaths of a number of demonstrators outside the US embassy, the destruction of property on the mission's grounds and the shouts of "Americans out" were unmistakable signs that resistance to the superpower has grown in the former banana republic.

Honduras had been considered Washington's closest ally in the region, loyal to the point of self-denial. But the once-moral feeling towards the powerful northern neighbour has "turned uneasy if not downright hostile," as the Los Angeles Times noted.

American observers contend that Washington can no longer even depend on the loyalty of the Honduran military.

"Recent anti-US rioting ... was the result of pent-up frustration over what is seen as the

arrogance of US policy toward the country," the Christian Science Monitor commented.

The unrest was triggered by the dispatch in March of 3,200 US troops to protect Contra rebels on the Nicaraguan border and by the extradition of a suspected drugs kingpin. Both actions angered Hondurans who interpreted them as violations of Honduran sovereignty.

In El Salvador the Christian Democrats suffered a humiliating loss in parliamentary elections following President Jose Napoleon Duarte's failure, in spite of massive American assistance over many years, to defeat or come to terms with leftist guerrilla forces in the country's bloody civil war.

The defeat was seen as a massive setback for Washington which has pumped more than \$3 billion into El Salvador since 1980 in support of the fighting government.

Accord

Victory went to the rightwing extremist party of secret service ex-major Roberto d'Aubuisson, who is suspected of close ties with the notorious death squads. Washington has repeatedly denied him entry to the United States. His party now plans to expel US military advisers.

"The elections ... will likely stir further American discussion about whether the main enemy in El Salvador is the guerrilla or the death squads," wrote the Washington Post.

Meanwhile, Nicaragua and Panama are giving Washington officials migraines. In Managua last month, the government and the Contras sealed their first ceasefire accord. In so doing,

they frustrated President Reagan's long-held hope of toppling the Sandinistas.

"Reagan appears likely to leave office with the political situation in Nicaragua essentially the same as in 1981," noted Newsweek.

It quoted an American diplomat with the words: "You could have had this outcome without ever organising the Contras ... We've had seven years of bloodshed for nothing."

In Panama, Washington has been stymied in its efforts to unseat military strongman and former Central Intelligence Agency operative Manuel Antonio Noriega. He has clung to power for weeks in spite of

massive US pressure.

But American sanctions and threats have had the curious effect of hardening opposition to US presence in the country. In the view of many experienced observers, chaos looms.

In Latin America, numerous countries have raised their voices against American military intervention in Central America. The presidents of Mexico and Guatemala have issued the sharpest criticism, with Mexico's Miguel de la Madrid charging Washington with "systematic violation of the law, economic aggression, military intimidation and interference in the internal affairs" of Central American nations.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1660 — Peace of Oliva is signed, ending war between Brandenburg, Poland, Austria and Sweden.
- 1814 — France's King Louis XVIII returns to Paris after allied forces defeat Napoleon Bonaparte.
- 1833 — Turkey recognises independence of Egypt and cedes Syria and Aden to Mehmet Ali.
- 1841 — New Zealand is formally proclaimed a British colony.
- 1849 — Prussians suppress revolt in Dresden.
- 1859 — France declares war on Austria.
- 1898 — Bread riots erupt in Milan, Italy, and are crushed with heavy loss of life.
- 1917 — British launch fresh attacks at Arras, France, to break Hindenburg line in World War I.
- 1945 — Allied troops enter Hamburg, Germany, in World War II.
- 1963 — Government crisis in Syria threatens recently agreed-upon union of Syria, Iraq and United Arab Republic.
- 1972 — Turkish guerrillas hijack Turkish plane and land in Sofia, Bulgaria.
- 1987 — Sri Lanka government orders judicial inquiry into May Day confrontation in which two protesters were shot to death.

Jeff Daniels

Researchers hope for a better understanding of lions habits in Zambia

On good terms with the king of the jungle

By Keith Henderson

NEW YORK: I'd much rather face a lion.

That's how Delia Owens feels about the poachers she and her husband, Mark, will have to confront as they pursue wildlife research in Zambia's Luangwa National Park.

Lions, by contrast, are old friends. During seven years of work in the remote Kalahari region of neighbouring Botswana, this personable couple—he from Ohio, she a Georgian—grew to know and love dozens of lions.

They darted and tagged them to trace their migrations. The big cats became individuals, complete with names—bones, whom they nursed back to health after a badly broken leg, stand-offish Chary, ever-curious Sassy. Lions frequented their camp, slept a few yards from their tent, "horrored" their food.

Brown hyenas provided other memorable hours in the Kalahari. These rare, elusive animals had been thought to be solitary scavengers. Mark and Delia discovered, instead, a complex, clanlike social structure among them, with hierarchies, territories, and cooperative cub care.

"We were working with naive animals—they'd had no experience with man," says Delia.

Not that the researchers were never afraid. It's pretty clear when a lion is scrutinising you as a possible meal, Mark explains. They crouch and stalk. Then it's time to wave, shout—anything to show you're not some odd variety of antelope.

But the basic lesson is respect. "The relationships we developed with the animals and their reactions to us largely depend on how we've treated them," Mark observes.

The Botswana episode in the Owens' eventful lives was encapsulated in a recent National Geographic television special on PBS, "African Odyssey." It was fully documented in their 1984 best-selling book, "Cry of the Kalahari" (Houghton-Mif-

flin, \$7.95).

Over the past two years, a new episode has begun for them, one hinted at in the second half of the TV show. They've indeed found a new home in Luangwa National Park, a chunk of near-pristine Africa, where they can settle and observe surrounding wildlife—including buffaloes, elephants, and zebras, species not found in the arid Kalahari. There, as in Botswana, they hope a better understanding of the animals' habits and needs can lead to more effective conservation efforts.

But as the Owens explain, the prospect of living and working in the park is hardly as idyllic as viewers who saw the special may have concluded. Their tasks in Zambia will be "much more dangerous" than their work in Botswana, says Mark.

Poachers may see the researchers as threats to their livelihood, so they'll probably need guns at their camp. They may even need to arm themselves at times, they concede.

In Botswana's uninhabited, desolate outback, life was "very, very hard," says tall, bearded Mark. "We nearly died out there. We didn't have enough to eat—you couldn't buy enough to eat, let alone afford it."

In 1974 they started out with \$6,000, their life's savings, barely enough to buy air fare, a clanking old Land-Rover, a couple of tents, and basic food and fuel. Withering drought, furnace-like temperatures, wildfires, poisonous snakes, tearing brambles, and hungry insects awaited them.

"We were just so determined to go," Delia affirms, explaining how they surmounted odds. "And there's no way I'd change a minute of it," Mark chimes in.

In sharp contrast to their Botswana beginnings, the Owens have headed into Zambia with three trucks, an airplane, and a full complement of supplies—thanks to financial backing from the Frankfurt Zoological Society. They also have their "first house" in 15 years of marriage, notes Delia with a broad grin—a mud



Zoologists Delia and Mark Owens cradle a wild cub

wattle hut.

But they also have something else they didn't have in that barren, awe-inspiring place—relatively close human neighbours, the Zambian villagers who live on the perimeter of the park. And that's a crucial difference. People have to be an integral part of the Owens' work in Luangwa National Park.

A few of these people have been recruited as elephant poachers serving the international smuggling rings that deal in ivory. Some may poach antelopes for food. Many are likely to resent having a large slice of their ancestral surroundings—the park—declared off limits.

"Colonial governments and those since have simply said,

"Out! You can't live there anymore," says Mark. You can imagine how they feel. Delia adds, when they see the occasional big-game hunter go in and bring out trophies and meat that they and their children can't legally touch.

Start Diana McMeekin, vice-president of the African Wildlife Foundation, insists that the hearts of local people have to be won over to any conservation effort. "An education programme invariably goes along with anything we do. You have to convince people that they're not being kept out of a park as punishment," she says.

The Owens have made a start in this direction. They've gone to the villages on the fringe

of the Luangwa park and invited villagers to go "on safari" for a day, taking them through the preserve.

"That has to be the key," Mark affirms, a look of urgency creasing his rugged face. "People around the Parks have to see them as a source of reward."

A pragmatist, Mark is also not opposed to allowing limited culling of herding wild animals as a food resource for local people. They have to see the animals as of direct value to them, he reasserts. "The chiefs and the headmen will take care of the poachers once they realise it's their resource that's being destroyed."

The Owens believe that misdirected foreign aid sometimes works against Africans' recognition of the value of wildlife. They say it was the expansion of an aid-subsidised cattle industry in Botswana that led to the kill-off of many thousands of wildebeests there. Their resulting protest was probably the reason Botswana expelled them in 1985.

The Owens have since mended their relations with Botswana and been allowed to revisit the Kalahari.

Frequently, badly directed aid has been a factor in Africa's environmental problems, says Ms. McMeekin, who lived in Botswana for a number of years.

Too often with aid projects, she continues, "no one has backed off and asked, 'Is this really good for the country?'"

The World Bank, for one, is starting to do that. Francois Falloux heads a unit charged with assessing the environmental impact of aid proposals in Africa. "A special type of tourism, ecological tourism," is one way wildlife might be utilised as an economic resource for many African nations, he notes.

That, in fact, is what Mark Owens has in mind for Luangwa Park—a kind of unintrusive tourism, "walking safaris," he calls it, that would put visitors in close contact with animals, but only to observe and perhaps photograph.

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Revival of an extinct species

By Christopher Munnion

EXTINCTION may not, as conservationists believe, be forever. If an experiment at a breeding station at Robertson in South Africa's Cape Province proves successful, the quagga—like the dodo a symbol of man's capacity to destroy his fellow creatures—may once again roam the plains of the Karoo.

The quagga, described by an early traveller as "half zebra, half horse" was once so abundant in the southern African veld that the gentlemen sportsmen of the Victorian era boasted of "bagging" up to 100 in one shoot.

To the fair, the main cause of its extinction was the encroachment of white settlers within their grazing stock, their fences and the need to provide cheap meat for native labour. The hunters merely executed the coup de grace. The last known quagga died alone, of natural causes, in the Amsterdam Zoo in 1893.

Such was the lack of awareness of the quagga's plight that the Cape authorities issued a proclamation to protect the species two years after that lonely death in Amsterdam.

When science finally turned its attention to the extinct animal there was little to go on. The only photographs of a live

quagga were those of a rather forlorn specimen, a mare, that lived for a time in the London Zoological Gardens. It showed the animal to be striped on the head and neck with the pattern yielding to plain brown on the near quarters.

Had the quagga been a horse with a zebra's head? Or a zebra with a horse's hind quarters? Even the name had caused much confusion. Was it kwakka, quacha, kwagga or quaggar? Scientists finally opted for quagga with the gg soft as in loch. It is now generally accepted that the name derived from the Hottentot imitation of the distinctive "kwa-ha" bark of the animal.

Some scientists, like Debra K. Bennett, argued that the quagga was more closely related to the horse. She entitled her thesis Stripes Do Not a Zebra Make. Others believed that the quagga was a subspecies of the African Plains, or Burchell's, zebra.

Among the latter was Reinhold Rau, chief taxidermist at the South African Museum in Cape Town. The only extant quagga skin in its homeland was a crudely mounted foal at the museum. Rau found that the skin had not been properly cleaned or tanned.

"The careless treatment of this skin more than 100 years earlier was to lead to the most exciting and important result of the whole project," Rau recalls.

Small amounts of dried-out muscle, blood vessels and other soft tissue were recovered and he sensed that these could help resolve some of the mysteries of the quagga. For 10 years he sounded out scientists around the world.

Then in 1980, while Rau was remounting three quaggas at the Natural History Museum in Mainz, Dr Oliver Ryder, a geneticist at the San Diego Zoo in California, wrote asking for more information.

A delighted taxidermist sent the tissues and dried blood to California. There Ryder shared the research with Russell Hingrichin Allan Wilson's evolutionary biochemistry laboratory at Berkeley for analysis of DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid or the "protein of life") and with Jerold Lowenstein of the University of California for radio-immunoassay of fossil proteins.

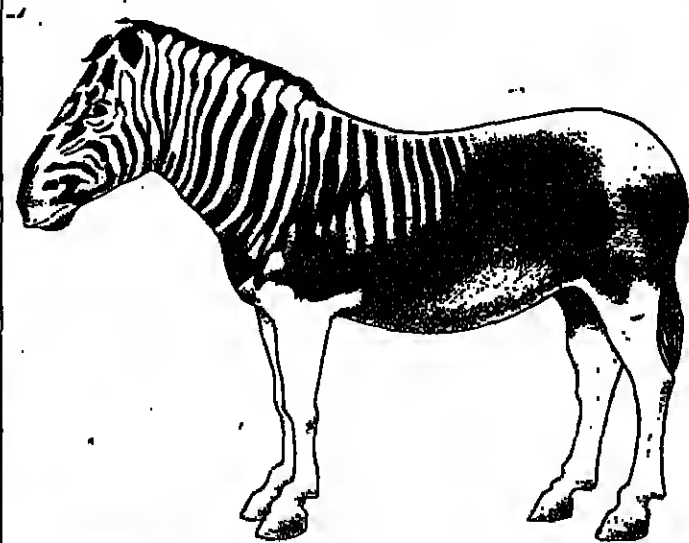
The scientists cloned the fragments and, working independently, reached the same conclusion: as Rau had suspected, the quagga was a sub-species of the Plains zebra.

The finding caused great excitement in Cape Town. Plains zebra exist in healthy numbers in many areas of southern Africa. This meant that the main gene-pool was still available for re-breeding the quagga without the introduction of any extra-specific genes. The extinct quagga could be re-created.

The Quagga Experimental Breeding Committee was established. Rau accompanied a game capture team to the Etosha Game Reserve in South West Africa where, from 2,500 zebras, he selected eight with reduced striping and a dark basic colour.

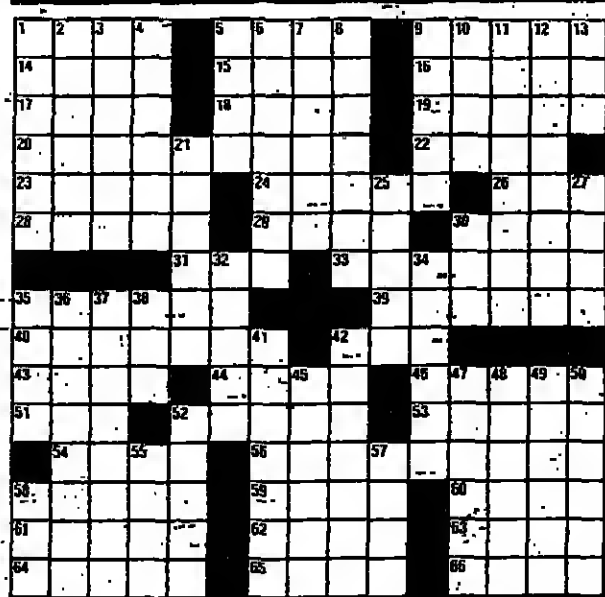
These were moved to Robertson. Soon they will be joined by other Plains zebras, selected from herds in Zululand. The first foal from the breeding herd of some 30 mares and stallions is expected before the end of the year. Within perhaps 10 years, the team is confident it will have a breeding herd of replica quaggas.

Dr Geoff McLachlan, a member of the team, says: "We are working to reintroduce a species whose extinction was caused by man."



The quagga described as a half zebra, half horse, is a symbol of man's capacity to destroy his fellow creatures.

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GOREN BRIDGE

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ Q943 ♥ 7 ♦ AQ65 ♣ KJ52

The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
3 ♥ Dbl Pass ?

What do you bid now?
A.—You have a hand which might produce a slam in any one, or all, of three suits. Since you are not in a position to select either the strain or the level, tell partner of your good hand by cue-bidding four hearts.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ Q82 ♥ 85 ♦ K107 ♣ Q876

The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
3 ♥ Dbl Pass ?

What do you bid now?
A.—When partner doubles for takeout at the three-level, he expects to find you with some 6-8 points. You hold just your fair share of the outstanding points, so don't do any more than simply respond three spades.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ AQ10952 ♥ 8 ♦ KJ6 ♣ K95

The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
3 ♥ Dbl Pass ?

What do you bid now?
A.—Opposite a three-level takeout double, you have a magnificent hand, especially since partner has guaranteed spade support. Don't beat around the bush. Ask for aces via Blackwood. Your only quandary is whether to go for a grand slam should partner hold all the missing aces.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ Q9852 ♥ KJ9 ♦ Q103 ♣ J5

The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
3 ♥ Dbl Pass ?

What do you bid now?
A.—With a sure spade fit, it might seem that three or four spades would be the recommended action. However, with half of your values in the enemy suit, three no trump seems more logical. Your spades will be a source of tricks at no trump as well.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ AKJ10 ♥ 95 ♦ K107 ♣ AK97

The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ — Pass ?

What do you bid now?
A.—You have a close decision between two no trump and one spade. Since all your values are prime, your hand should play better in a suit than in no trump. Therefore, we would opt for one spade; should partner pass, it's unlikely that you have missed a game.

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ AJ54 ♥ 83 ♦ K72 ♣ KQ63

The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ — Pass 1 ♥ Pass ?

What do you bid now?
A.—Despite the great disparity in strength between this hand and the previous example, the correct rebid is still one spade. This time, however, there isn't even a second choice. Never suppress a reasonable four-card suit at the one-level in favor of bidding one no trump.



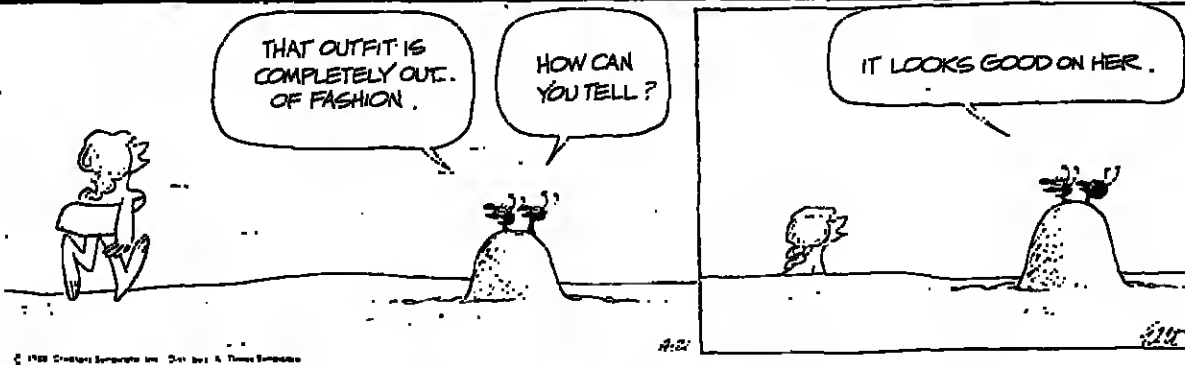
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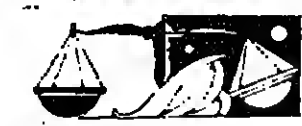
YOUR STARS




Aries (March 20 - April 18)
You will feel a lot better than you have done of late. You will not have time to do all you want to do so concentrate on what is essential. Devote more time to your partner. Be cordial.




Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
You should avoid doing anything that is not quite proper. Avoid parking where you know it is forbidden. Better fewer things well done than more things half done. Be tactful.




Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)
The moon's influence will help you to stay on good terms with your colleagues. You should make sure you do not say more than you intend. Avoid driving too close to others. Be more observant.




Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)
You will have a lot to do and have no time just to daydream. You should concentrate on doing what is practical — theorising is to be avoided just now. You should not jump to conclusions. Be moderate.




Taurus (April 19 - May 19)
There will be some confusion and you should do all you can to minimise it. You should do your best to adapt to what cannot be changed. Do not exaggerate the importance of a small obstacle. Be considerate.




Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)
The influences are mixed and you should stick strictly to the rules. You will be able to do something you enjoy doing. Make sure you do not exceed spending limits. Be alert.




Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
You will be able to make good progress with an important project. Have a little more patience when dealing with a family member. You should make sure you do not get badly into debt. Be reasonable.




Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Although at first you will not know quite what to do you will soon find the answer. Spend a little more time at home and a little less time socialising. Do not think you have no more to learn.




Gemini (May 20 - June 20)
You will have a little difficulty with someone close to you. However if you keep calm all will be well. Do not allow negative thoughts to dominate. Be sensible.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)
Do not delay something that should be done right away. Avoid wasting time and energy on secondary matters. Do not just hope for the best and trust to luck. Be cautious.



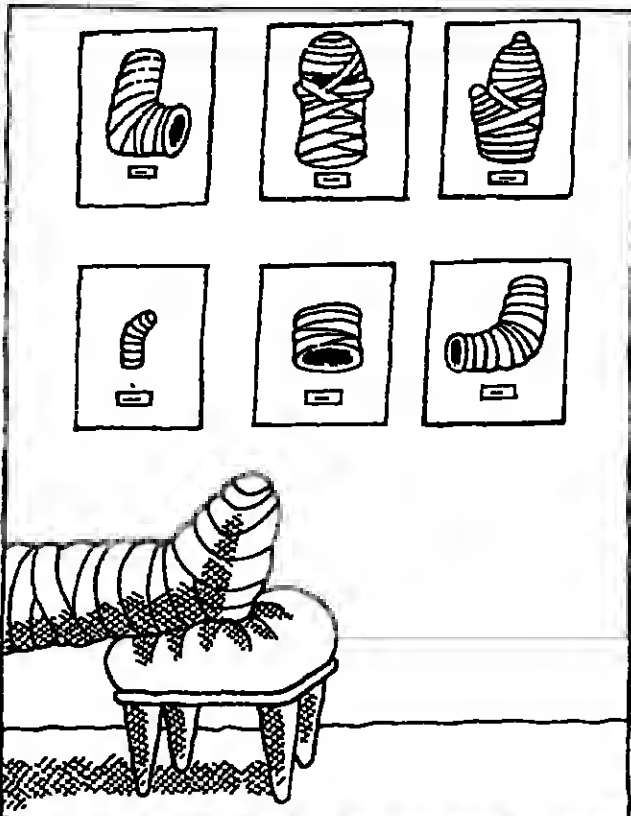
Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
The moon's influence will help you to make the right decision. Do not be tardy in declaring your love. Avoid being excessively cynical. Be a little more polite.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)
Something you thought was not possible will turn out to be so, but only if you work hard. Others will not behave quite as you expected they would. Have the courage of your convictions.

Dear Junior Readers,

A few years ago, a couple of adults wanted to help children understand their feelings, so they wrote a book about feelings and how to express them. They called the things that people say that make us feel good "warm fuzzies" and the things that make us feel bad "cold pricklies." It is a fun way to understand and talk about the way we feel when someone says something bad to us. When you give a warm fuzzy to someone, you will find that you feel warm inside, too. And if you say something that hurts another person's feelings, you will probably feel kind of cold inside. Try it and find out. Aunt Barbara



Doctor, doctor, I've broken my leg. What shall I do? Limp.

The moon was up when Sam came out. "Now is the time for fun," he said. "Who," said Sam, "Who! Who wants to play?" But oo ooe, said a thing. Then Sam looked about. The fox was asleep and the jay was asleep. The dog was asleep. The sheep was asleep, and so was the cow. Theo Sam went down to the lake. But no one was there. All he could see was the moon and the shine of the moon on the water. "It takes two to have fun. Who," said Sam, "Who! Who wants to play?" But no one said a thing. Then Sam saw a light! He saw the light hop. He saw the light jump. It went here, it went there. But no one said a thing. Then the light hit Sam on the top of his head. The light said, "Boo!" "Who made that Boo?" asked Sam. "Who are you?" "I am a firefly. My name is Gus. And I have a trick I can do with my light. Look, look! I can put it on and keep it on, like this." Then Sam saw something new! The firefly made lines with his light. "Say!" said Sam. "What a trick! This is new! Oh, the things we can do

Sam and the firefly

with a trick like THAT! Let me show you. Now put on your light and keep it on. Then you do what I do," he said to Gus. Then Sam went up, and Gus went after him. When Sam went down, down went the firefly too. Where Sam went, Gus went. Then Sam stopped, and Gus stopped too. "Now just look there," said Sam. "See what we did!"

"Why! We made words, big words!" said Gus the firefly. "Say, I like this game! I want to do it again. This word trick is fun. Come on. Make More words."

But Gus the Firefly did not stop. "I have one more trick," he said. "A little trick. Look, Sam! Look! A ONE WORD trick!"

Then Gus did his little trick, his one word trick. He did a BAD trick. He did it to the Hot Dog Man. He made the word COLD near the top of the stand.

The men looked up. They saw what Gus did. "We want our Hot Dogs HOT, not COLD!" Good-bye," they said. Gus did not see the Hot Dog Man, the man with the net and the jar.



"Look out!" called Sam. "Look out, Gus! The Hot Dog Man is MAD!" "I will GET that firefly," said the Hot Dog man.

"I will take him away from here. He will not play another trick on ME!" Then something hit Gus! He was in a net!

Gus the firefly was in a jar! "Let me OUT!" Gus hit at the walls of the jar! He hopped about! He jumped up and down! But it did not good. There was no way to get out. Then Gus in the jar was in a car!

The car went away fast. Where would it take him? Would he do more tricks? Would he make more words? Would he have fun again with his light? Would Gus get out of the jar?

Gus did not know it, but Sam was there too. He was near by in back of the car. "Oh, what can I do?" said Sam. "I have to get Gus out of that jar. But how? How can I get him out? Sam was sad.

And Gus was sad too. "I should have stopped when Sam said NO. I was bad. I just had to have fun," said Gus. "I wish Sam were here to get me out." The car went on. Then it stopped with a BUMP!

It stopped on some tracks. The car would not go! The Hot Dog Man got out. Then he looked down the tracks. What did he see? He saw a TRAIN!

Sam saw it too! What would he do? There was just ONE way to stop that train!

Sam went to the car. He took the jar, the jar with Gus! Then... He let the jar fall. CRASH! And Gus was out!

"You can save the car, Gus! You can stop the train! You know what to do! DO IT!" said Sam.

And the firefly did it! He made the word STOP. He did it fast and he did it BIG. He did it a lot. He made lots of big STOPS. "YOU WOW, Gus!" called Sam. "AT Last you did a GOOD trick!"

"LOOK! It says STOP! Look down there! A car on the track! STOP THE TRAIN!"

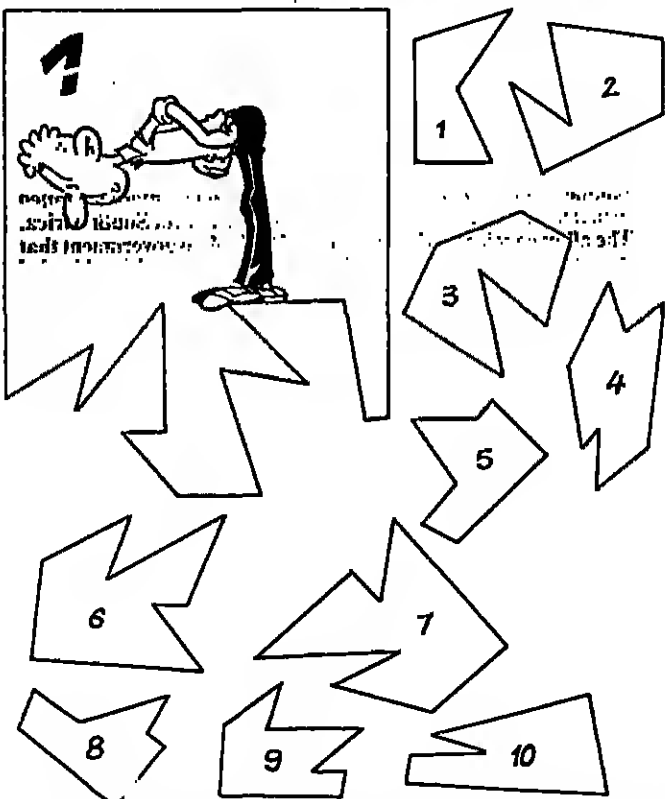
The train DID stop! And just in time. "What a trick!" they all said. "A good, GOOD trick! HOORAY for the firefly! He stopped the train!" But Sam and Gus did not hear. They had gone away.

Sam looked at Gus as the sun came up. "Now the morning light is here, and no one can see your tricks! It is time we went home to bed," said Sam. So Sam went back to his home in the tree, and Gus went back to the lake.

But night after night, when the moon comes up, Gus the Firefly comes back to play.

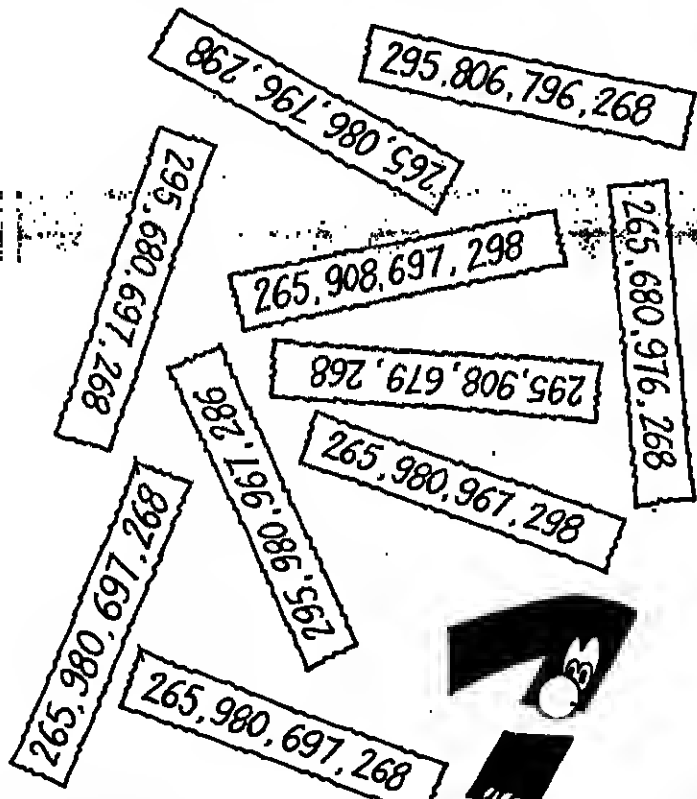
Breakthrough

Which of the numbered fragments shown are needed to complete the rectangles?



Just the ticket

Which two tickets hold the same order of numbers?



Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

THE RECORD NUMBER OF OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALS WON BY AN OARSMAN IS THREE. ONE OF THE SIX MEN TO ACHIEVE THIS WAS JOHN B. KELLY (USA) (1904-1920). FATHER OF THE LATE FISH PRINCESS GRACE OF MONACO WHO WON SINGLE SCULLS (1900) AND DOUBLE SCULLS (1920 AND 1924).

THE MOST WINS IN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AT SINGLE SCULLS IS FIVE, BY PETER-ANDREW KOLBE (WEST GERMANY) (1972 AND 1973, 1975, 1976 AND 1978).

THE LONGEST ANNUAL ROWING RACE IS THE TOUR DU LAC LEVY, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND FOR OXEN FOURS. THE FIVE MEN OXEN FOURS TEAM OF OXEN FOURS TURNED AN OXEN OVER 99 MILES (160km). THE RECORD WINNING TIME IS 12:14:52 BY LARS DUFF, NETHERLANDS ON 3 OCT 1982.

THE FIRST GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLE CHASE MAY BE REGARDED AS THE GRAND LIVERPOOL STEEPLE CHASE OF 26 FEB 1899. THOUGH THE RACE WAS NOT GIVEN ITS PRESENT NAME UNTIL 1947, THE HIGHEST PRIZE MONEY WAS £1,710 WON BY MARY KENTURE ON APRIL 1967.

ONLY TWO HORSES COMPLETED THE ANTIPODEAN COURSE IN THE 1932 GRAND NATIONAL, THE LOWEST IN THE HISTORY OF THE RACE. "If I go round again, will I pick up the third prize as well?"

THE MOST SUCCESSFUL TRAINER IN THE GRAND NATIONAL WAS THE LATE FRED RIMMEL WHO SADDLED THE WINNERS IN 1956, 1961, 1970 AND 1976.

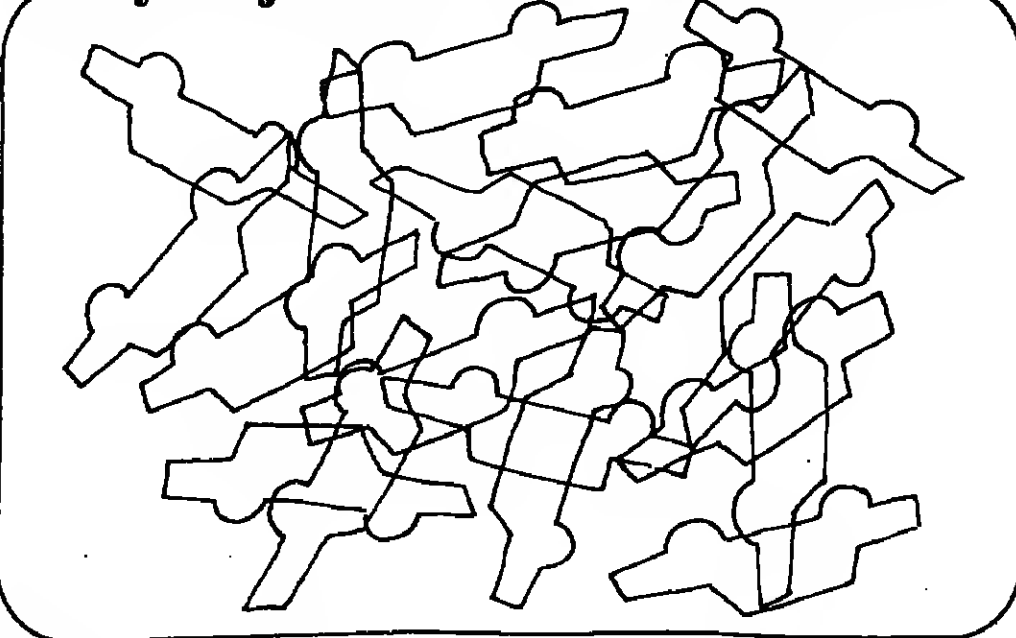
Turning the tables

Can you combine the divided parts of the two squares to make one large square, each horizontal and vertical row totalling 175? One division from either of the two squares will be extra.

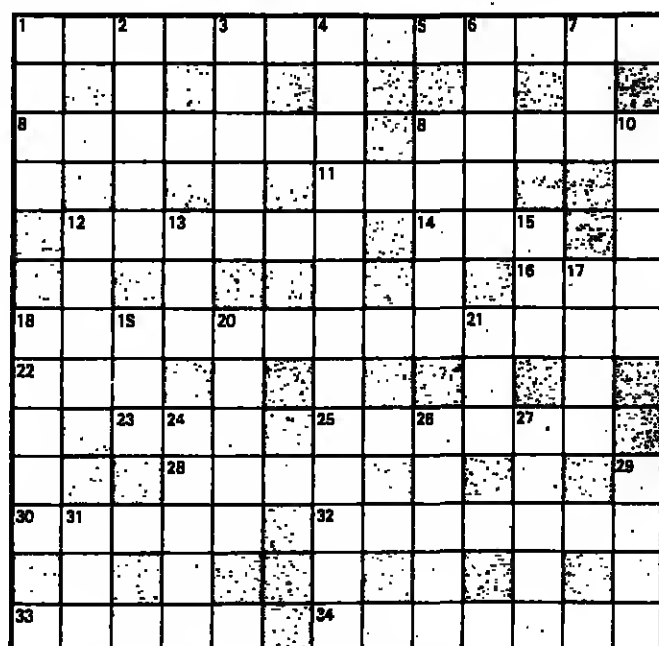
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38	12	44	15	16
9	41	25	39	11
17	18	40	23	27
33	32	10	13	37

Junkyard jumble - How many cars can you make out of this pile-up?



Crossword fun



ACROSS

- Shy (7)
- Sweeping stroke (5)
- Satirical attack (7)
- Compass point (5)
- Monk's hood (4)
- Fishing equipment (5)
- Slippery fish (3)
- Snake (3)
- Self-written life story (13)
- Buzzing insect (3)
- Priestly vestment (3)
- Preserve with vinegar (8)
- As well (4)
- In that place (5)
- Edible stem (7)
- Criminal, slyster (5)
- A matter of chance (7)

DOWN

- Ringed instrument (4)
- Brazilian dance (5)
- Crowd (5)
- Military rank above private (5-8)
- Complete (5)
- Favourite (3)
- Take an oath (5)
- Glad (5)
- Rest (4)
- Pigeon's sound (3)
- Orn like a cat (3)
- Footwear (4)
- Approximately (5)
- Beverage (3)
- Holy book (5)
- Noah's vessel (3)
- Slow movement (5)
- Bread's exterior (5)
- Depart (5)
- Do as one is told (4)
- That woman (3)

Where the persimmon came from

Until the nineteenth century the persimmon was almost unknown in Europe. Today this yellowish-red fruit which looks rather like a tomato, is often seen in homes in Mediterranean countries such as France and Italy. It is also grown on a small scale in the United States.

The persimmon is a native of China and Japan where it has grown since ancient times. Persimmon trees soon became accustomed to the Mediterranean weather when they were first brought to Europe during the nineteenth century. The trees have dark-green leaves and are often planted in gardens where they give shade against the hot summer sun.

Persimmon fruit is no longer as popular as it was, but the wood from the tree is used in making furniture and looks like ebony.

Where the tiger likes to make its home

The jungles and the forests of Asia which have rivers flowing through them are the favourite haunts of the tiger, one of the fiercest and most dangerous animals in the world.

Unlike the lion, this beautiful big cat with the

Asia

striped yellow coat is not satisfied to kill just one animal for its food. It will attack whole flocks of animals as they drink at waterholes in the jungle, slaughtering them for the sheer pleasure of killing and spilling blood.

As the tiger grows older it becomes weaker and more dangerous and will then attack human beings and become a man-eater. Once a tiger has tasted human flesh it will always want more, attacking any person who strays too far into the jungle from the villages. Man-eating tigers will even break into houses to seize their human victims.

Where jute, kapok and ramie are found

Jute is a substance obtained from various plants that grow in warm and moist regions of Asia. It is cheap and used in making rope, twine and material for sacks.

Kapok is a fluffy substance from the outer covering of certain tropical plants. The most common of these is the Ceiba pentandra, a tree that is grown mainly in Indonesia and produces hundreds of football shaped pods. Kapok is very light and soft and is used as stuffing

for sleeping bags, cushions and mattresses

Ramie is a very strong material obtained from the stalks of plants belonging to the nettle family. It was grown in ancient Egypt where it was used to wrap mummies, and is native to China and Taiwan. Today it is used in fire hose, fishing nets and upholstery.

Where ginger is produced

The ginger plant was used in India and China in very ancient times. By the first century A.D. it had travelled to the Mediterranean region and it was well-known in England by the eleventh century. Today it is grown in all the tropical regions of the world.

The essential oils and gums found in the ginger plant are used as stimulants in certain drugs. Ginger is used by doctors, in the manufacture of beverages and as a spice in cooking.

The ginger plant is propagated by cuttings of the rhizome, or root. Nine or ten months after planting, the stems turn yellow and wither and the ginger is then ready to be gathered. Green ginger, used in cooking, is the fresh rhizome. Pieces of rhizome can be washed and then dried in the sun before use, or they can be peeled before being dried.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Investor confidence soars

No recession on the horizon, says Fed economist

By Keith Wells

KUWAIT Economic Society hosted a lecture on Sunday night by Patrick J. Lawer, Senior Economist to the Board of Governors of the US Federal Reserve System. The lecture was attended by many senior economists and officials from the Ministry of Finance, the Central Bank, Kuwait University, the commercial banks and several leading investment companies.

Speaking without notes, Lawer presented a marvellously lucid exposition of the stock market crash last October and the way in which it was handled by various government agencies. Beginning with the causes of the crash, Lawer said that the easy answer was that it happened because stock prices were too high.

From the depths of the 1982 recession the Dow had risen from 760 to 2,700 by August 1982. There were very good reasons behind this rise since profits had also risen enormously. Moreover, such a long rise on the market had created tremendous investor confidence.

Investment People simply felt that the good times would go on indefinitely and so became trapped in certain habits of investment that had paid off well over the previous five years, even though the fundamental situation had changed.

Another factor which Lawer pinpointed was that foreign investors' confidence had also increased during that period so that they moved from more cautious investments, like short-

term treasury bills, into American equities, particularly during the first half of 1982. This gave added impetus to the surge in stock prices.

The final ingredient was the existence of Portfolio Insurance which institutions used to cover their exposure to equities without having to actually dis-invest.

Liquidity The institutions obviously felt that Portfolio Insurance would give them more liquidity, but in the event the crash cut liquidity dramatically and portfolio insurance both added to the disaster, by triggering automatic sales, and also failed to fulfil its main aim of insuring against losses. The result has been the virtual disappearance of portfolio insurance from the markets after the crash.

"During the crash itself," Lawer continued, "The Fed's most important concern was that the drop in prices was too rapid for the system to cope and might cause the financial system itself to collapse."

"The crash did not affect the real wealth of the country as such," he asserted, "Although, obviously individual people and institutions did lose a lot of money in a hurry. However, the speed of the fall was our greatest concern, because if major firms cannot make settlements, then those who should have received those monies will also be unable to honour their other commitments. Then the banks will suffer, there will be defaults and ultimately what people described as a financial melt-down will occur."

Having described the causes of the crash, Lawer turned to the



Patrick J. Lawer, Senior Economist at the US Federal Reserve.

steps taken by the Fed to control the situation. After the lecture, in answer to a question about whether the Fed had seen the crash coming, Lawer remarked wryly, "In August 82, when Alan Greenspan took over as Chairman of the Fed, he asked me to write some research papers on what the Fed could do in terms of a crash." As it happened, Lawer's earlier recommendations were put into effect sooner than he had anticipated and with excellent results.

The first step was to pump as much liquidity into the system as necessary to ensure that there was plenty of money around to make all the necessary settlements.

Secondly, and more informally, the Fed talked to the banks and other lenders to

urge them to apply the normal rules of lending and not to panic and demand settlements. The Fed made it clear that it would provide back-up credit facilities to any major institutional lender that needed it. Most importantly, the Fed lowered interest rates to ease the burden on borrowers.

Effects

Lawer then turned to the question of the effects of the crash on the economy as a whole. "It did have some effect on the economy as a whole, consumer spending retreated and savings rates seemed to have increased. However, the US economy seems to have been much stronger than we thought at the time, and although we expected at least a small recession to follow the crash, there hasn't been one. Nor do we see one on the horizon."

For the final part of his lecture, Lawer turned to the problem of what can be done to prevent such crashes from happening again. "There was an immediate temptation to bring in new regulations, even if we don't quite understand how, or if, they would work in practice," he confessed.

Payments

The first area to be looked at closely concerned margin payments. The stock market has subsequently doubled margins in both the cash market and the futures market in the hope that this will solve the problem.

The other solution which was much discussed, concerned so-called circuit breakers, or trading halts, when the market would be closed in the event of a dramatic fall, in order to give people time to cool down.

Lawer argued strongly that with the current inter-relatedness of the world's markets, any such trading halts should be coordinated internationally if they were to be really effective.

He went on to express strong doubts about the usefulness and effectiveness of such trading halts. "If you shut down the market, then you stop people from selling at the very time they most want to sell. There is also another factor to consider, that if you have a mandatory trading halt when, say, the Dow drops 300 points, then if it drops 240 points, many people will be afraid that the fall will continue and they will then be unable to sell. Therefore, they will maybe sell earlier than they would otherwise have done, in order to avoid being cut off by the trading halt. This will increase the pressure to sell and so defeat its own purpose."

Confidence

The most important factor in favour of trading halts is the idea that it helps to increase investors' confidence, in which case it is a good idea. Politically, the exchanges were under a lot of pressure from Congress to "do something." The Fed itself has resisted this pressure and the stock exchanges are due to report on the steps they have decided to take, in mid-May.

Already, computer trading has been banned whenever there has been a 50 point fall in the Dow. However, Lawer concluded by repeating his opinion that any such circuit breakers must be coordinated with both Tokyo and London where many US stocks are also traded. The meeting was then thrown

open to a lively question and answer session. Dr Imad Moussa of the Kuwait Investment Corporation argued that the Fed was merely treating the symptoms, not the causes, of the crash. Lawer agreed, saying that the Fed's major tool was interest rate. "Our main role is to avoid recessions without increasing inflation by manipulating the interest rates," he explained.

Another questioner asked Lawer to talk about the similarities and differences between the October crashes in 1929 and 1929. "Although price movements during the August to October period were remarkably similar in both years, the actual fall on the day of the crash was much steeper in '82," Lawer explained.

"Some people say this was due to new technology, but I disagree, after all, we've had stock tickers, telephones and telegraphs for about a hundred years. Besides, the new technology was irrelevant on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday because the volume was so great, the Dow was always lagging behind."

Traders

"Another difference was that the majority of traders in 82 were institutions, not individual, and were therefore better able to sustain their losses. The Fed avoided the mistakes of 1929 when liquidity was shut off entirely, by pumping money into the system to cope with the aftermath of the crash. Also, the US government has so far avoided any restrictive Trade Bill. Finally, the US economy was a lot stronger in 1982, whereas in 1929 it was already in recession."

Kohl warns US Congress over trade bill

BONN, May 2. (Reuters) West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, reacting to a trade bill approved this week by the US Congress, was quoted on Saturday as saying that a trade war would be a disaster for both sides.

"I can only hope the legislative bodies in the United States understand that a trade war, whoever starts it, will make losers of all of us, and that a settlement will be found through sensible talks," he said in an interview with the British-based private cable television station Super Channel.

A text of the interview was released to Reuters in Bonn yesterday. Congress passed on Wednesday the 1,100-page trade bill, aimed at prying open foreign markets shielded by allegedly unfair trade practices, earlier this week. The White House says President Reagan will veto it.

Wall In the text of his interview released in Bonn, Kohl said he did not believe in erecting a protectionist wall around the European Economic Community, but added, "I also don't believe in erecting a protectionist fence around the United States."

He said West Germany, which exports around one-third of its industrial production, was in the vanguard of the fight against protectionism.

Arabian Oil Company boosts production

DAMMAM, Saudi Arabia, May 2. (AP) The Arabian Oil Company reported today a 5.9 per cent increase in its 1987 production, compared to that of 1986.

In its annual report, the company said its 1987 production stood at 95.97 million barrels, reflecting an average daily output of 262,958 barrels.

A Japanese consortium owns 80 per cent of the Arabian Oil Company, with Saudi Arabia and Kuwait sharing the rest.

Sixty per cent of the company's production is shared equally by the Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, both prominent members of the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

At the end of 1987, the company had 136 of the 169 wells operating at the Khafji field and 25 of the 37 producing at the Hout field, the report said.

Concession

The Khafji field, in a zone divided between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, is an extension of the Safiniya field in the northern part of a concession held by the Arabian American Oil Company, Aramco, the main oil producer in Saudi Arabia.

Aramco's output dropped in 1987 by 15 per cent to 1,456 billion barrels, or an average daily output of 3,991 million barrels, according to Aramco's annual report released last week.

Opec fails to clinch accord

Saudis welcome collapse of talks on oil cutbacks

VIENNA, Austria, May 2. (AP) Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister said today he was pleased by the collapse of Opec talks on a proposed token cut in oil production.

"It is a very happy ending to a full week of hard bargaining," the minister, Hashim Nazer, told reporters as he left the final session this morning.

"The comment illustrated Saudi Arabia's hardline stance against production cuts that could boost oil prices. Iran, which relies on oil to finance its war with Iraq, would be a chief beneficiary of higher prices."

Last Tuesday, the Saudi government broke diplomatic relations with Iran, accusing Tehran of terrorism and subversion.

Negotiations

Oil markets were expected to react swiftly to the breakdown of negotiations over ways of coordinating Opec output cuts with a group of six rival producers.

Saudi Arabia led a minority of four organisation members opposing a proposed production cut of 300,000 barrels a day, or about 2 per cent of the group's total output.

The cuts were to be made in conjunction with the six non-Opec producers, who offered to reduce their output by 5 per cent, or about 200,000 barrels a day—if the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries would do

likewise.

Failure by Opec to decide on a response to the offer was likely to draw criticism from the independent producers, who met with an Opec committee in Vienna last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Abdullah Lukman, Opec president, said the organisation leaders would resume their debate on possible cuts in production at their regular summer session, scheduled to begin on June 8 in Vienna.

"More time is required to clarify some of the points of the offer," Lukman told a news conference this morning.

He said that in the meantime Opec members would abide by their assigned production quotas, which are scheduled to expire on June 30.

The quotas, agreed last December, are designed to support an oil price of \$18. Opec prices have dropped several dollars below the target price this spring, however, prompting the organisation to seek collaboration with outside producers.

Although Opec oil ministers said they had agreed not to talk publicly about the breakdown, some could not hide their disappointment.

"I'd be much happier if we could have agreed on (production) cuts now," said Fawzi Shakhshuk, Libya's Oil Minister. Several ministers had said



Under the protection of Austrian police equipped with automatic rifles, the Kuwaiti Oil Minister, Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah (right) arrives for Sunday's Opec ministers' meeting at the Vienna Opec building. (Reuters wirephoto)

prior to the final session that they would be deeply disappointed if the Saudis did not drop their opposition to the planned cutbacks.

"A majority of ministers thinks an extra effort should be made by Opec to come to an agreement with (non-Opec)

countries," said one senior organisation official, speaking on condition he was not identified.

"This is the golden opportunity we've been waiting for 10 years," he added.

The six non-members observing the Opec talks were Mexico,

Egypt, China, Malaysia, Oman and Angola.

Opec has solicited the cooperation of independent producers since the start of this decade, when the development of a world oil glut began chipping away at Opec's ability to dictate prices.

Lawmakers vote to limit mineral mining to Brazilian firms

BRASILIA, Brazil, May 2. (AP) In a victory for Brazil's left, lawmakers rewriting Brazil's authoritarian constitution voted on Thursday to limit mineral mining to domestic companies.

However, legislators voted 303-156 to maintain present legislation allowing foreign participation in petroleum distribution.

Legislators sang the national anthem after the 343-126 vote on mineral mining. There were 17 abstentions.

Legislation

Companies such as subsidiaries of British Petroleum, Alcan and Alcoa and South Africa's Anglo-American Company were to have a five-year grace period to adapt to the new legislation.

Foreign-owned companies control 20 per cent of mining rights or requests for mining rights in Brazil. Private domestic companies own 52 per cent and state-run companies 18 per cent.

On the petroleum measure, a radical proposal would have closed off Royal Dutch-Shell, Atlantic Richfield, Texaco and Exxon from selling gas in Brazil. Foreign companies hold 55 per cent of the market here.

Taiwan sets up fund for lending to its poor neighbours

No capital increase needed, says ADB chief

MANILA, May 2. (AP) The Japanese president of the Asian Development Bank said yesterday the regional financial institutions has adequate funds and he sees no urgency for new capital called for by Japan.

Masao Fujioaka made the statement in a news conference at the end of the 47-nation bank's 21st annual board meeting in Manila.

Also yesterday, Taiwan announced it has established a fund worth \$1 billion for lending to its poor neighbours.

The announcement was made by Chang Chi-Cheng, governor of the Bank of Taiwan, in a speech at the closing session of the ADB meeting.

Operations

Chang said his government planned to release \$100 million for the fund's operations during its first year. He said Taiwan was interested in co-financing projects in poor Asian countries jointly with the 21-year-old, Manila-based ADB.

"We hope that this fund will contribute to regional economic cooperation and development, and further strengthen our relationships with other member-countries of the bank," Chang said.

The question of increasing the bank's authorised \$22.8-billion capital "is not a very imminent

matter, as we still have enough funds," Fujioaka said.

He added that member countries should await the results of a study expected to be completed next year on the proper role of the bank in coming years.

Increase

Fujioaka was commenting on a call by Bank of Japan Gov. Satoshi Sumita for an urgent capital increase, which the United States immediately opposed.

Japan and the United States are the biggest stockholders of the bank, with each one controlling 15 per cent of the total shares. The next largest shareholders are China with 7.1 per cent, India with 6.9 per cent and Australia with 6.3 per cent.

The bank is owned and controlled by 18 developed states and 29 developing Asian and Pacific countries. It was set up in 1966 as a source of concessional loans to hasten the region's economic development.

Delegates

Financial analysts and Bank sources say that Japan, as the predominant economic power in the region, wants to increase its influence over the bank by acquiring more shares and the most votes at a time when the influence of the United States is waning because of budgetary restraints.

Most of the delegates to the meeting steered clear of the

capital increase issue.

Philippine Finance Secretary Vicente Jayme supported Japan's recommendation, noting that the poorest of Asian countries would benefit from such a capital increase.

But Sweden and Thailand opposed the capital increase proposed by Japan, with the Thai delegate saying his government was against a hike that would alter the bank's vote structure.

In announcing the new Taiwan fund, Chang said the country was so economically prosperous it has become one of the 13 largest trading nations of the world. But its wealth has also become a problem and brought resentment from less prosperous countries, he said.

Problems

"We are certainly not without our share of problems, and one of them is especially perplexing," he said. "I am, of course, alluding to the persistent increase in our trade surplus, which has led to an excessive accumulation of foreign exchange reserves, now standing at more than \$74 billion."

Chang said Taiwan's foreign reserves are continuing to balloon despite a 40-per cent appreciation of its currency against the US dollar. He said the Taiwanese were worried because their prosperity "has led to rising protectionist sentiment on the

World Business Summary

Amoco wins new oil concession in Oman

MUSCAT, Oman, May 2. (AP) Amoco Oman Petroleum Co., an affiliate of the US oil company Amoco, won a tender for an oil prospecting concession in south Oman, the company said yesterday. The concession area is concentrated in the Wahiba sandy area where West Germany's Wintershall also is prospecting for oil, said an Amoco spokesman who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Foreign oil companies sign production sharing agreements with the government, which places responsibility for financing exploration on the foreign consortium. The terms of the Amoco contract are under discussion. Oman, which is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, trimmed oil production by 5 per cent to 536,750 barrels a day at the beginning of February in support of Opec's efforts to shore up world oil prices. Oil from south Oman is piped north to the Mina Al Fahal oil terminal near the capital Muscat for export. Tankers can call in safety without sailing through the Gulf, made hazardous by the Iran-Iraq war. Insurance rates on cargos, crews and ships are much lower than in the Gulf.

Latin debt problem will persist, says IMF

CARACAS, May 2. (Reuters) Michel Camdessus, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, said Latin America's debt problem would last longer than first predicted and its solution would depend on growth in debtor countries. Camdessus, arrived in the Venezuelan capital yesterday to address a seminar called "Latin America and the world economy" told reporters: "It will be necessary to live with the debt for much more time than was hoped at the beginning of the 1980s. 'What we are all searching for is a solution that will permit the debtor countries to grow, in spite of their debt—and to pay their debt, thanks to their growth,'" he added. Camdessus will address the seminar today. Also attending the three-day, closed-door conference will be Joao Baena Soares, secretary-general of the Organisation of American States, and Argentine Treasury Secretary Mario Broderson. During his visit, Camdessus will also meet senior economic officials in Venezuela, Latin America's fourth largest debtor which has foreign obligations of \$33.2 billion.

Last year, Venezuela rescheduled \$21.2 billion of public sector debt, in one of the few such accords in the region that did not require an IMF austerity programme.

Australia, India pledge more aid for S. Africa

HARARE, Zimbabwe, May 2. (AP) Australia, India and New Zealand have promised \$70 million as part of an increased aid package to black-ruled nations in Southern Africa, Botswana Vice-President Peter Mmusi said yesterday. Mmusi, who arrived in Harare following a three-week tour of the Far East and Australasia, told a news conference that his delegation from the nine-nation economic alliance known as the Southern African Development Coordination Conference failed to persuade Japan to cut its growing trade ties with South Africa. The alliance rejected the argument of the Tokyo government that it could not control private businesses trading with white-led South Africa because of Japan's free market economic system. Mmusi told reporters before leaving for home.

He said Japan promised, however, send experts to Southern Africa soon, to assess the region's economic needs in addition to existing bilateral trade and aid. Mmusi is chairman of the council of ministers of Sade, a group which aims to reduce the dependence of black-ruled nations on South Africa for trade and transport links. Mmusi said the new aid pledges from Australia, India and New Zealand signalled those nations' growing understanding of the objectives of South Africa's black neighbours.

The pledged \$70 million, Mmusi said, will be spent on regional cooperation projects and manpower training.

Surging imports push Japan's foreign trade surplus down

TOKYO, May 2. (AP) Surging imports pushed Japan's foreign trade surplus down more than \$7 billion in fiscal 1987 to \$94.23 billion, the Finance Ministry announced today. The trade surplus for the fiscal year, which ended March 31, was 7.2 per cent below the record \$101.65 billion surplus of the previous year, and the first decline since Japan's foreign trade began registering a surplus in 1981, a ministry official said. The country's current account surplus also plunged almost \$10 billion during the fiscal year for its first decline in six years, the ministry said. The current account is the broadest measure of a nation's commerce, including trade in goods and services as well as capital transfers. The ministry said the current account surplus registered \$84.54 billion in fiscal 1987, down from \$94.14 billion the previous year. Japan's trade surplus in March also declined from the previous year's level, marking the 11th consecutive monthly decline, the ministry said. During the month, the country's exports exceeded imports by \$9.24 billion, it said.

A breakdown of trade figures by country was not immediately available. "Exports are growing, but imports are increasing at a faster pace," the ministry official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "Although the higher value of the Japanese yen had an effect, the main cause of the fall in the trade surplus is the government's programme to boost imports."

The higher yen tends to make Japanese products more expensive and therefore less competitive overseas. In order to reduce trade friction, the government has tried to reduce the economy's dependence on exports and boost domestic demand. The ministry official said the composition of Japanese imports also has shifted with a larger share now consisting of high-value manufactured goods rather than raw materials and resources.

Singapore, Malaysian economies see booming prospects: study

HONG KONG, May 2. (Xinhua) The Singapore and Malaysian economies have further to grow than their booming East Asian counterparts because of their comparatively later-starting booms and lagging growth compared with the other newly industrialised countries or areas. The remark was made in a signed article carried by the local daily "South China Morning Post" today. It said the two economies were hurt in 1984 and 1985 by falling commodity and oil prices but have staged a remarkable comeback since 1985. The Singapore economy has grown since its 1985 collapse by 1.8 per cent in 1986, 9 per cent last year and 11 per cent so far this year, the article said. Direct foreign investment in Singapore has been growing as a result of the big incentives and tax breaks offered by the Singapore government to attract overseas investment, it said, adding that tourist arrivals, hotel occupancy rates and domestic demand in Singapore have also increased. The article said Singapore is rapidly changing its dependence on the North American market for its exports, and is turning to Southeast Asian Nations (Asean), which also includes Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand.

The Malaysian economy grew 4.7 per cent last year and is officially estimated to grow 5.5 per cent this year, the article said. Malaysia, it said, in the absence of commodity money, was forced to increase manufacturing and last year the value of manufactured exports was more than commodities for the first time ever.

NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	1/4-DAY
A 85CH CO	0	30/7
ATLANTIC R	0	88/5
AAR CORP	0	25/0
AETNA LIFE	0	42/0
ALBERSONS	0	32/0
ALCAN ALUM	27/6	28/0
ALCO STAND	0	22/7
AM CYANAMID	0	50/6
AM ELET PU	0	25/7
AM HON PRO	79/5	79/7
AM STAND	0	77/4
AM STORES	0	60/6
AM TEL-TEL	0	26/4
AMOCO CORP	0	78/1
AMP INC	0	47/4
AMPOC PITT	0	14/2
AMR CORP	0	43/1
AMR GEN CO	0	29/5
AMERADA HSE	0	30/3
AMERICAN ELE	0	12/6
APACHE CO	0	8/2
APACHE PET	0	2/7
ARMSTRONG	0	38/6
ASHLAND OIL	0	71/0
ASIA PACIFIC	0	6/2
ATLS CORP	0	34/3
AVERT INC	0	22/2
AVNET INC	0	22/2
AVON PRODS	0	23/1
BCE INC	0	31/2
BELL-HOM	0	63/4
BETH STEEL	20/2	20/1
BEVERLY	6/3	6/4
BK BOSTON	23/4	23/4
BK BOSTN-A	0	48/6
BK H-TORR	30/3	30/3
BK TR-NY	30/3	30/6
BKAMERICA	0	10/4
BKAM SPEC	0	7/5
BOEING CO	48/0	48/0
BOISE CASC	0	44/6
BORDEN	53/6	54/4
BOUTER	0	32/0
BRIGGS-ST	0	44/4
BRIST-MYER	40/5	40/5
BRUNSWICK	0	23/3
BURUNDY CO	0	14/4
C 3 INC	0	37/3
CABOT CORP	0	37/3
CAESARS W	24/4	24/4
CAL FREIGHT	21/2	21/2
CAL WAYS	0	15/0
CATERPILLAR	23/7	24/0
CATERP TR	0	62/6
CBI INC	0	28/0
CBS	151/6	150/5
CENTEL CP	47/2	47/3
CENTRO DAY	0	0
CHAMP LWT	33/7	33/7
CHAMP SPA	0	12/6
CHARTER CO	4/6	4/6
CHASE MAN	24/7	24/5
CHASEMAN	0	34/3
CHEMICO	24/5	24/5
CHEVRON	0	48/1
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CHRYSLER	53/0	52/7
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CIN MILACR	22/6	22/6
CIR CITY SY	28/2	28/0
CIRCLE K	13/3	13/3
CITICORP	20/0	19/7
CLARK EQUI	31/0	31/0
CLOREX	0	27/6
COMBIL RES	0	1/2
COMBIL SP	24/4	24/4
CAN PAC	19/0	19/1
COACINEN	10/2	10/2
COASTAL	29/1	29/3
COCA-COLA	38/1	38/2
COLECO	0	3/0
COLEMAN CO	41/2	41/0
COLG-PALIN	44/1	44/1
COLY INDUS	0	16/3
COLUM GAS	29/1	29/3

Dow Jones Plus Indices

IND	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
IND	2,036.47	+ 4.14	2,036.47	2,032.49
YRANS	847.67	+ 5.67	847.67	841.70
UYLS	169.99	+ 0.65	170.46	169.75
STOCKS	756.83	+ 1.89	756.83	754.76
NYSE COMP	147.80	- 7		
S-P COMPOSITE	261.40	+ 0.07		
NYSE IND	180.31	+ 0.05		
AMEX INDEX	302.45	+ 0.69		
NASDAQ COMP	379.68	+ 0.45		
NASDAQ BANKING	447.43	+ 0.92		
NASDAQ FIN'L	452.41	+ 0.22		
NASDAQ INDS	391.74	+ 0.58		
S-P 100 INDEX	248.03	+ 0.29		

Wall Street Statistics Composite

NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME		NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME	
K MART	33 1/2	UNCH	
CITICORP	20	UNCH	
AMER EXPR	23 3/4	UNCH	
DIGITAL EQ	104 7/8	UNCH	
WESTN UNION	3 1/8	UNCH	
REERX LTD	14 1/2	UNCH	
BOEING	48	UNCH	
BANC ONE	23 1/2	UNCH	
BRISTOL MT	40 5/8	UNCH	
EMERY AIR	6 1/8	UNCH	
NYSE LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE		NYSE LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE	
ACHE ELEC	7 1/4	+ 1/8	
SO WST AIR	15 7/8	+ 1/4	
CULBRO	46	+ 3/4	
WESTN UNION	3 1/8	+ 1/8	
ALLEG INTL	3 1/2	+ 1/8	
NYSE VOLUME	570,100		
STOCKS UP	41		
STOCKS DOWN	12		
29-APR NASDAQ VOLUME	121,338,100		
STOCKS UP 1149	DOWN 876		

Wall Street Market Report

New York, May 2, Reuter — Wall Street stocks continued mixed to lower as they have been since the open. Falling oil prices, though hitting individual stocks with losses, are propping up the market amid a general lack of confidence and fear of volatile futures-related trading like last week's.

The Dow 30 was up four at 2036 but declining issues led gainers by about live to three.

American Cyanamid crept up 1/2 to 51-1/4. The company said it was unaware of rumours of a possible 65 cts per share takeover bid from a French concern.

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Argentina carries out banking reforms

ARGENTINA'S programme to increase the overall efficiency of its banking industry and enhance its ability to finance investment will be assisted by a quick-disbursing World Bank loan of \$400 million.

The main objectives of the programme are to increase deposit mobilisation and confidence in the banking system, improve credit allocation and reduce the cost of credit.

Low savings mobilisation through the banking system; financial difficulties in certain private and public banks; segmentation of deposit and credit markets; increasing substantial reserve requirements, forced investments and a large intermediation role of the Central Bank; and scarce and costly credit to the private sector, make it difficult to achieve efficiency in investment and growth.

Unstable

In the last 15 years, Argentina's financial sector has been unstable and experienced drastic policy changes.

The policy shifts, coupled with macroeconomic instability, have resulted in a weakened financial sector characterised by high real interest rates, large banking costs, and low financial savings.

The maturity of financial assets has shortened dramatically. Currently, maturities of over 30 days are considered long term in Argentina.

To increase the mobilisation of deposits, the government has recently eliminated all controls on savings and time deposit interest rates. As a result, lending rates on all loans financed with deposits have also been decontrolled. This is a major step in the deregulation of the banking industry.

The government will also establish an autonomous deposit insurance corporation — similar to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation of the United States or the Deposit Guarantee Fund of Spain — to assist the process of bank rehabilitation.

Credit

Improved credit allocation is expected to result from increased discretionary lending by banking intermediaries as well as the rationalisation of Central Bank rediscounts.

Finally, the cost of credit is expected to decline gradually as a result of the reduction of both the fiscal deficit and Central Bank losses, increased deposit mobilisation, the redimensioning of the system and the subsequent reduction of operating costs, reduction of reserve requirements and forced investments on incremental deposits, and increased efficiency of some public banks.

The bulk of the World Bank loan will be applied to all c.i.f. costs of eligible private and public sector imports.

Imports such as alcohol, tobacco, armaments, and goods already being financed by other World Bank loans cannot be purchased with funds from the loan.

The loan will be disbursed in two tranches, the first (\$199.5 million) soon after loan effectiveness and the second (\$200 million) after a review in nine months of the adjustment programme and an assessment of the country's macroeconomic situation.

The Argentine economy has the potential to recover from its current difficulties if adjustment policies to support medium-term growth are extended and strengthened, according to a recently published World Bank study, "Argentina: Economic Recovery and Growth."

The revival would be based on a strong programme of structural reforms supported by adequate external financing. The reforms would be directed towards the trade, financial and public sectors, together with a freer labour market.

The changes would be facilitated by "efficiency gains, an area in which Argentina has substantial room for improvement," says the report.

The study indicates that Argentina has failed to realise its economic potential in recent decades. The country's ranking among countries with similar levels of per capita gross domestic product has fallen steadily from among the most developed to close to the median.

When the government of President Raul Alfonsin came to power in late 1983, awaiting it were an economy in disarray, a large external debt, and a number of political difficulties.

Success

After attempts to stabilise the economy through orthodox (primarily demand management) policy measures failed, the "Austral Plan," named after the new currency introduced under the plan, was initiated in June 1985, at a time when prices were rising at a monthly rate of more than 30 per cent.

The plan combined some unorthodox measures, such as wage and price controls, with more traditional measures, such as reducing the public sector deficit and establishing a more favourable exchange rate to improve external and domestic balances.

Measures were taken to tighten monetary and fiscal controls, and set real interest rates to encourage savings and stem capital flight.

Steps were also taken to improve management of public enterprises by appointing technocrats as managers and strengthening government regulatory agencies and their oversight responsibilities.

By the first quarter of 1986, relative success against inflation and initial attempts to increase exports and redefine the role of the public sector were tempered by a poor medium-term outlook for economic growth.

The outlook was poor because many reforms remained to be undertaken, while tangible gains from policies to improve export prospects and stimulate private sector activity were slow in coming, says the World Bank study.

In March 1986, the government decided to relax the price freeze and move to a system of administered prices. This move was followed in April by the introduction of a series of mini-devaluations of the currency. Prices began to rise again in mid-year, reaching a monthly rate of 8.8 per cent in August 1986.

New scheme to defuse inflation explosion

Yugoslavia hopes to secure new credits

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, May 2 (AP) — Yugoslavia prepared yesterday for the final days of a mass shopping spree to avoid huge price hikes expected when a government price freeze ends in two weeks.

Mid-May could be a crucial period in Communist Yugoslavia's post-World War II history. The government, facing a confidence vote it may lose, hopes to secure new credits abroad while introducing unpopular economic measures at home.

Living standards have fallen to the mid-1960s level since 1980, resulting in thousands of strikes, walkouts and other job actions last year.

News reports have said about 80 per cent of the country's manufacturers have prepared new prices for their goods when the government lifts a price freeze on May 15. New prices were expected to be 50-70 per cent above current levels.

The country looks like it is preparing for war," said a shopper interviewed in a crowded Belgrade supermarket. "Everybody is piling up stocks of a staples at home."

Dragan Petrovic, manager of a downtown Belgrade supermarket, said he is selling one ton

of sugar, half a ton of coffee and 15,000 bottles of cooking oil per day, which equals normal sale for a month.

"If this shopping spree continues they will even buy my counter," Petrovic said.

The government of premier Branko Mikulic said it has prepared a new economic programme aimed at defusing the expected price and inflation explosion.

But the parliament of Slovenia, Yugoslavia's most economically developed region, sees no prospect of improvement under Mikulic. It has begun formal procedures to unseat the federal government, the first such move in Communist Yugoslavia.

According to media reports, Slovenia's deputies in the federal parliament in Belgrade will introduce a no-confidence motion on May 15. If Yugoslavia's five other republics accept this move, Mikulic and his government would become the first cabinet to resign since World War II.

Slovenian officials have bitterly criticised Mikulic's administration for its failure to curb Europe's highest inflation rate and for meddling in the economy, arguing the state should not interfere.

But government officials say

the new government programme includes market-oriented measures expected to curb prices and a substantial reduction of state-imposed administration.

The officials said the new measures were made in conjunction with the International Monetary Fund, with which Yugoslavia recently reached a draft one-year standby agreement.

The programme aims to reduce inflation, currently at about 170 per cent annually, to 95 per cent by the end of this year. It calls for 60 per cent of all prices to be set by the market, substantial lifting of import barriers and a further fall in the value of the dinar in comparison with Western currencies in order to boost exports.

Loans

A precondition for the new programme are fresh loans and rescheduling of a large part of the country's 20 billion debt, government officials said.

Yugoslavs are anxiously eyeing May 13, when the IMF governing bodies are expected to approve the draft standby agreement.

Vice Premier Janez Zemljic said recently that Yugoslavia "faces economic collapse" unless foreign creditors grant a financial reprieve.

US-Soviet grain talks enter critical technical phase

WASHINGTON, May 2, (Reuter) — Grain talks between the United States and Soviet Union in London this week will bring them closer to a multi-billion-dollar pact that would give US farmers a larger share of the world's biggest grain market.

The end result of the high-stakes talks could be an agreement that allows the Soviet Union, the largest importer, to buy a wider variety of crops from the United States, the largest exporter. The deal would also give specific minimum phase guarantees to the United States, US officials said.

"This meeting will be very substantive. We'll get into the issues," a member of the US negotiating team said of the talks to be held on May 3 and 4.

Purchases

A current five-year agreement, due to expire on September 30, calls for minimum annual Soviet purchases of nine million tonnes of American grain — four million tonnes each of corn and wheat and an additional one million tonnes of grain or 500,000 tonnes of soybean products.

The Reagan administration might agree to broaden the pact to other crops, said Tom Kay, senior Agriculture Department official and a key negotiator.

But while American officials may be willing to open the agreement to more products, US negotiators appear firm in their commitment to lock the Soviet Union into specific amounts and types of commodity purchases per year.

US farmers and grain exporters need these guarantees to make planting decisions and marketing plans.

"The Soviets can still be very disruptive to the markets," said a member of the US negotiating team.

A main objective of US negotiators is to provide an

assurance of Soviet buying to the grains industry. Giving Moscow a free rein on its purchase levels and the type of crops they can buy would create undesirable uncertainty in the market, the negotiator said.

Agricultural trade between the Soviet Union and the United States has been guided by formal agreement for 12 years.

US and Soviet officials met in March in Washington to begin negotiations towards a new long-term agreement. The London meeting is the second round of talks, and US officials say they expect negotiations to run to at least a third round.

Negotiations

"This is only the second round. It's a relatively complex negotiation in the sense that there is a lot of money and principles at stake," a US negotiator said.

The new agreement is likely to include specific minimum purchase levels for soybeans or oilseeds, industry sources said. Currently, soybeans, a major US export crop, is treated as a substitute purchase for grains.

"It would be helpful to both sides to broaden the agreement (to specific soybean purchase levels), because as the years go by, our biggest opportunity will be to sell more soybeans and soybean meal to Russia," said Dwayne Andreas, chief executive officer of Archer-Daniels-Midland Co., one of the world's largest soybean processing companies.

"That should be fundamental to our negotiations," said Andreas, who has close ties with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Another hurdle will be the level of purchase commitments. In the March negotiations, the opening Soviet position called for a six-million-tonne annual purchase minimum. US negotiators asked for a 17-million-tonne minimum.

Cepal calls economic forecasts for Latin America dismal

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, May 2, (AP) — Economic forecasts for Latin America are "dismal," a regional economic commission concluded yesterday.

Unemployment, poverty, inflation and indebtedness have all worsened since 1980, said ministers from 40 countries meeting as the economic commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

"It is urgent that we stop the flow of money from Latin America to develop nations by receiving new money from abroad and refinancing our debts," their report said.

Cooperation

The organisation, known by its Spanish acronym, Cepal, discussed regional development, cooperation and the region's \$400 billion foreign debt during their three days of talks.

The ministers concluded that in coming years increases of Latin American gross national products will be around 2.4 per

cent in medium-sized countries and 4.4 per cent in larger nations. But in more than half, growth won't surpass population growth, the report said.

The report points to monthly payments on the foreign debt as a chief cause of the region's economic ills. Between 1982 and 1987, payments to foreign bankers and governments were \$150 billion, including 1 billion a month in Brazil, the report said.


Morgan Stanley Capital International Index

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-Y
AUSTRALIA	286.7	286.3	278.4	259.3
AUSTRIA	206.0	205.4	203.8	215.4
BELGIUM	368.8	367.3	365.7	260.2
CANADA	366.5	367.1	367.2	350.7
DENMARK	375.3	375.3	370.2	336.6
FRANCE	321.6	321.6	326.6	288.5
GERMANY	166.1	165.1	165.2	156.6
HONG KONG	1853.3	1857.0	1852.5	1644.3
FINLAND	109.8	109.8	110.1	108.1
ITALY	392.2	393.2	395.1	377.4
JAPAN	1293.1	1293.1	1269.3	1022.3
NETHERLANDS	246.7	246.7	248.4	215.9
NEW ZEAL	96.4	96.4	96.9	98.9
NORWAY	495.8	495.8	491.5	392.4
SPAIN	553.7	553.7	548.5	473.1
SWEDEN	243.0	243.0	243.9	209.5
SWITZ	876.7	876.7	888.6	697.3
U.K.	149.3	149.3	149.6	140.7
U.S.A.	541.6	542.9	540.2	515.7
WORLD	241.3	242.5	242.7	229.4
E.A.F.E.	459.4	459.4	451.2	408.0
	883.6	883.6	876.8	757.5

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PAR 7-11/16 3/4	7-3/4 7/8	8 1/8
ZUR 1-7/8 1-5/8	1-7/8 2-1/8	2 2-1/4
BRX 5.50	6.00 1/8	6.00 1/8
ROM 9-3/4 10-1/4	9-3/4 10-1/4	10-3/8 10-7/8
AMS 3-7/8 4-0/0	4-0/0 4-1/8	4-0/0 4-1/8
LOK 3.3125 3750	3.8125 8750	3.8750 9375
ECU 5.81 5.95	6.06 6.18	6.31 6.43

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait on Thursday.		
Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	57/8	65/16
3 months	513/16	63/16
6 months	511/16	61/16
1 year	55/8	61/16

BOMBAY

	PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	69	68.50	68	HICO	510	520	528
ACC	155	155	154	GNFC	34.50	34.25	35	MUKAM	92.50	93.50	92
ASIA PAINT	145	145	146.25	GRASIM	90.50	92	95	NOCIL	460	455	462.50
BAJAJ AUTO	210	207.50	208.75	GSFC	103	104	105	ORKAY	24	24	24
BAL. RAYON	210	207.50	210	HIND LEVER	75.50	74.50	76	PEICO	33.50	32.50	33.25
BOM. DYING	129	132	133	HINDALCO	76	76	77	PFIZER	60	60.50	62
BR. BOND	93	94	94.50	HINDCOOR	60	79.50	81	PRE. AUTO	29	29	29.50
BSE INDEX	474.41	471.50	471.50	HINDMOTOR	16.75	17	18	RAYMOND	45	46	47
CENTURYSPG	827.50	827.50	830	IND ORO	20.50	21	20.50	RELIANCE	116.50	121.50	122.50
COLGATE	174	175	176.50	INDRAYON	58	59	62	SIEMENS	34.25	34.50	34.75
DEEPAKFERT	29.50	29	29.50	INDROL	162.50	160	168.75	SPIC	34.25	34.50	34.75
ET. HOKAY	52	52	52	ITC	35	34.50	36	STONHILLS	232.50	232.50	245
ESKAYEF	17	161.25	167.50	JKSYNTH	54.50	55.50	55.25	TATA PWR	260	255	260
ESSAR	160	17	17	L AND T	87	87	87	TATACHEN	64.25	64	65
GE. POLY	77	76	77	MAHINDRA	57.50	57	59	TELCO	482.50	485	497.50
GE. SHIP	29.25	27	27.25	MASTERSHR	10.12	10	10.12	TISCO	705	707.50	711.25
				MATHER PL	74	75	77.50	VOLTAS	277.50	282.50	281.50

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
AEG	207.3
ALLIANZ VR	1316.0
BADEMERK	180.0
BASF	242.2
BAYER	265.0
BAYER HYP	358.0
BAYER VER	337.5
BIC	322.5
BNE	374.0
BOM	510.0
COMMERZB	275.0
CONY. YUMH	244.0
DANIEL. BEN	612.0
DEUTSCH. BNK	407.8
DIW	364.5
DRESDENER	237.9
DI. BASCOFF	145.0
FAZ. INDEX	447.75
GOULD. BAK	256.0
HARPER	405.0
HOB. BAK	205.0
HOB. BAK	125.0
HOB. BAK	184.0
HOB. BAK	149.0
KALP. BAK	134.0
KARSTADT	454.5
KARSTADT	403.5
KLOECK. H	102.5
KLOECK. H	87.00
LINDE	659.0
LUFTHANSA	149.0
MAN	173.2
MANHESM	135.6
MERCEDES	487.5
METALLURG	270.0
NIXDORF. PF	500.1
NIXDORF. PF	54.00
PHILIP. ACOB	570.0
PHILIP. ACOB	1.52
PREUSSAG	162.8
PIA	205.5
RHEIN	203.3
RHEIN. P	193.0
RHEINMETAL	278.0
SALAMANDER	245.5
SCHERING	449.0
SEL	286.0
SIEMENS	339.7
TISSSEN	132.7
VARIA	261.5
VERA	250.0
VEL	164.2
VOLKSWAGEN	238.2

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
C. N. TUNNEL	15.40
CHUNG K.	7.45
CHINA GAS	16.10
CHINA L.P.	18.30
CHINA MTR	18.70
CHINA PROP	0
EVERG. IND	37
FAR EAST C	76
GEN ORIENT	0
H. C. OVELP	9.20
H. S. INDEX	589.89
HANG LUNG	5.35
HANG SENG	26.40
HAN PAR BR	0
HK ELEC CO	7.55
HK KOWLOON	6.95
HK LAND CO	8.30
HK SHAN BK	6.65
HK SHAN BK	4.35
HK TELE CO	7.05
HUTCH. UNAM	8.40
IND. PAC	11.10
JARDINE N	12.40
KOWLOON N	12.70
NEW WORLD	10.30
PAUL. Y. CON	2.05
REALITY DEV	6.05
S. H. K. PROP	1.89
S. H. K. PROP	10.70
SINE ORBY	1.47
STELUX. MTR	2.52
SWIRE PAC	16.80
T. V. B. CO	15.20
TAT. CREUNG	3.70
UNION BANK	1.55
WACK. HAD	0
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WORLD INTL	3.37

KD deposit rates steady

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates were largely steady yesterday in quiet trading.

Bidding interest rates were strongest in the spot market, with 1-month KD100 million Treasury bill issue.

But with liquidity ample, spot rates declined from 5-1/2 per cent deals early in the day to five per cent offers by early afternoon.

Overnight and tomorrow-night rose to five per cent offers from 1/2

AMMAN

JORDAN	OPHS	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.28	1.19
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.76	1.79
ARAB BANK	114.0	115.0
ARAB CHEMICAL OTER	3.91	3.90
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.32	1.33
ARAB INSURANCE	1.05	1.10
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	0.98	0.98
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.94	0.94
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53	0.58
ARAB JOR. INV. TRAD.	2.10	2.10
ARAB PAPER CON. TRD	0.33	0.36
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	1.96	1.97
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN	0.76	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	14.75	15.00
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	30.00	30.00
DAR AL SHAAR PRESS	0.37	0.36
DAR ALDANA DY. INV.	1.41	1.42
DAICO/INVEST/PROUS.	0.40	0.40
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.50	0.50
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.10	3.95
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.26	1.25
GENERAL MINING.	1.35	1.22
HINMAN MINERALS	0.79	0.79
HOLY LAND INB.	1.20	1.32
IND. MATCH JEMCO	0.59	0.60
INDUST. DEVLPT. BNK	1.40	1.40
INDUST. COMM/AGR.	1.29	1.29
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTER. COM. INV.	0.19	0.20
IRSID ELECTRICITY	0.96	0.96
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.44	0.44
ITERNED/PETRI/CH	1.24	1.22
J. TOUR. SP. COMPLEX	0.75	0.75
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO. TOBACCO/CIGARET.	13.60	13.60
JOR. CERAMIC FACTOR	1.01	1.04
JOR. EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05
JOR. ELECTRIC POWER	1.44	1.45
JOR. FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.17
JOR. GLASS INDUSTRY	0.90	0.90
JOR. HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.50
JOR. INDUSTRY CHEN.	1.41	1.40
JOR. INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR. LEASING CORP.	0.80	0.75
JOR. LIM. BRICK	0.19	0.20
JOR. MANAG. CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR. NATIONAL BANK	2.50	2.50
JOR. PAPER CARDBRDS	2.95	3.00
JOR. PHOSPHATE NIRS	2.21	2.21
JOR. PIPES MANUFACT.	1.15	1.14
JOR. PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00	2.05
JOR. PRINTING/PACK.	3.96	4.00
JOR. ROCK WOOL IND.	0.52	0.53
JOR. SECURIT. CORP.	0.75	0.75
JOR. SELPHO CHEN.	2.54	2.51
JOR. WOOD INDUSTRY	1.15	1.14
JOR. WORSTED MLL	4.45	4.46
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00	1.00
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.06	7.07
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.20	5.30
JOR. INV. FIR. CORP	1.88	1.88
JORDANIAN GULF REAL	0.32	0.30
JORDAN QAIRY	0.98	0.98
JORDANIAN GULF BANK	1.13	1.16
JORDANIAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	1.67	1.67
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.45	1.45
JORDAN TANNING	1.95	1.95
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.77	0.76
MACH/ENG/RENT/MAIN	0.75	0.74
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.60
MIDDLE EAST INS	60.00	60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60	0.55
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.80	1.80
NAT. CABLE/WIRE/MF	0.96	0.95
NATIONAL ALIA INS.	1.28	1.29
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.50	0.50
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.69	0.68
NATIONAL STEEL	2.79	2.80
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	2.00	1.95
PETRA BANK	2.00	1.95
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.50	0.50
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.83	0.85
RAFA INDUSTRIAL	0.80	0.80
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.39	0.37
SHIPPING LINES	0.80	0.78
SPINNING WEAVING	0.73	0.73
THE HOUSING BANK	1.71	1.71
UNITED INSURANCE	2.50	2.50
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND.	1.47	1.48
UNIVERSAL INS.	1.19	1.23
WOODEN INDUSTRIES	0.85	0.81
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.06	1.07

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	45	46	46
ACN	9.60	9.70	9.50	LC-B	46	47	47
ANS	3.80	3.85	3.95	PK-A	38	39	38
FER-A	2.34	2.40	2.40	PK-B	39	41	41
GLO	34.50	35.00	35.00	OIL SECTOR	---	---	---
PILOT	178.00	179.00	174.00	BP-A	0.18	0.19	0.19
KPSI-A	1.44	---	---	BP-B	0.18	0.19	0.19
SNC-A	143.00	144.00	141.00	LC-A	0.026	0.028	0.028
SNC-B	171.00	173.00	170.00	LC-B	0.026	0.028	0.028
MINING SECTOR	---	---	---	OPN-A	0.046	0.047	0.046
APR-A	0.026	0.027	0.026	OPN-B	0.048	0.049	0.048
APR-B	0.026	0.027	0.026	OV-A	0.035	0.036	0.036
AT-A	20.50	20.75	20.75	OV-B	0.036	0.037	0.037
AT-B	22.25	22.50	22.50	TA	0.025	0.026	0.026

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
SECTOR	640,190	15,840,930	820.56	3.64 UP
COM. IND.	23,126,100	1,217,925	4,912.28	17.32 UP
MINING	4,464,800	148,950,000	6,373	0.085 UP
OIL	21,532,655	172,716,290	813.00	5.85 UP

PHILIPPINES MANILA

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	76.00	77.00
SNC-A	143.00	144.00	141.00	LC-B	75.00	85.00
SNC-B	171.00	180.00	171.00	LC-A	45	46
SO-TRIE	29.50	30.00	29.50	LC-B	47	48
PILOT	178.00	179.00	175.00	ZIP	0.01	0.02
ANSOR	3.80	3.85	3.90	OIL SECTOR	---	---
AC-A	9.50	9.60	9.50	STOCK	BUY	SELL
GLO	34.50	35.00	34.50	BP-A	0.19	0.02
FER-A	2.38	2.40	2.40	BP-B	0.19	0.02
FER-B	2.40	2.44	2.44	LC-A	0.026	0.028
HINING SECTOR	---	---	---	LC-B	0.026	0.028
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPN-A	0.046	0.047
APR-A	0.026	0.027	0.026	OPN-B	0.047	0.048
APR-B	0.026	0.027	0.026	OV-A	0.035	0.036
AT-A	20.50	20.75	20.75	OV-B	0.035	0.036
AT-B	22.25	22.50	22.50	TA	0.025	0.026

Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUES	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	898,050	12,181,930	813.64	UP 1.38
MINING	59,719,200	8,845,050	4,188.74	DN 12.94
OILS	212,250,000	7,609,730	6.688	UNCH.
TOTAL	272,867,250	28,636,730	788.11	DN 0.08

McDonald's restaurant to open in Moscow in 1989

MOSCOW, May 2, (AP) — Soviets will get a chance to taste "bolshoi mak" next year when the first McDonald's restaurant opens in Moscow, an executive of the hamburger giant and city officials announced on Friday.

"I think that the McDonald's in Moscow will be the highest volume McDonald's in the world," said George A. Cohon, president of McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Ltd., a subsidiary of the US-based McDonald's Corp.

Cohon and Vladimir Malishkov, chief of the food service administration of the Moscow City Council, signed the joint venture agreement in the White Hall of Moscow's city hall during a ceremony attended by reporters.

Venture

The agreement, which gives McDonald's of Canada a 49 per cent share in the Soviet-controlled firm, is the latest Soviet joint business venture with a foreign company.

Last year, the Soviet government modified its legislation on foreign business activity in an attempt to woo foreign capital, technology and expertise. The reform is part of changes enacted under Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev designed to increase the quality of consumer goods.

Malishkov and Moscow Deputy Mayor Valery Zharov said the Soviets hope to draw

Trade bill would harm US competitiveness, says Baker

WASHINGTON, May 2, (Reuters) — The trade bill passed by Congress last week will be vetoed by the president because a key provision would make the United States less competitive in world markets, Treasury Secretary James Baker said yesterday.

"This provision, if it goes anything, would make America less competitive," Baker said, referring to a part of the bill that would require large plants to give workers 60 days notice before they shut down.

Oil prices drift lower

Dollar strengthens and gold eases

LONDON, May 2, (Agencies): The dollar rose in thin European trading today, helped by new interest in the US currency from Tokyo traders who appeared briefly on the market. Gold prices fell.

East Asian markets came back to life today as market players returned to trading in Tokyo for one day before going into another three-day holiday spell.

The markets were closed in Tokyo on Friday for Emperor Hirohito's birthday. Most major Japanese financial institutions are to be closed on May 3-5.

Positions

Dealers said East Asian players were reacting belatedly to the Friday report that the US index of leading economic indicators for March rose 0.8 per cent. A 4.0 per cent increase in US single-family home sales for March reported on Friday also had a favourable impact on trading, as did news that two small US banks had raised their prime lending rate to 8.75 per cent from 8.5 per cent.

In addition, traders were

opening new positions at the beginning of the month, which was boosting the dollar, dealers said.

However, trading was thin because foreign exchange and bullion markets were closed today in London for a bank holiday.

In Tokyo, where trading ends before Europe's business day begins, the dollar rose 0.51 yen to a closing 125.33 from 124.82 yen on Thursday.

Later, in Europe, it was quoted at 125.28 yen.

Other dollar rates at mid-morning, compared with late Friday:

- 1.6623 West German marks, up from 1.6725
- 1.4005 Swiss francs, up from 1.3910
- 5.7145 French francs, up from 5.6805
- 1.8844 Dutch guilders, up from 1.8745
- 1.2510 Italian lire, up from 1.2420
- 1.2285 Canadian dollars, up from 1.2280

North Sea oil was quoted as much as 90 cents lower today

after Opec failed to agree on new output cuts to tighten an over-supplied market and buoy prices.

Vienna Opec talks could not clinch an agreement under which output cuts would have been made by both Opec members and six Third World producers from outside the organisation.

Sellers offered North Sea Brent oil, a widely traded crude, as low as \$16.30 a barrel for June loading, with buyers talking around 25 cents less. It had been quoted at \$16.95 on Friday.

Good

Many believe the Federal Reserve Board is only waiting for US April employment figures, due on Friday and likely to confirm a recent picture of relatively strong US growth, to tighten monetary policy in order to head off nascent inflation.

On Friday the small Riggs National Bank of Washington DC raised its prime rate to 8.75 per cent from 8.5 per cent.

In the stock markets, Tokyo rose to a new peak for the third session in a row on continued confidence in the strength of the

Japanese economy, brokers said.

"Japanese economic fundamentals continue to be good," said a fund manager at a major Japanese bank.

The Nikkei Share index climbed 160.18 points, or 0.58 per cent, to 27,669.72 in active trading.

"There are expectations of the market going higher," a broker said, "people are not afraid to buy."

In Sydney, the Australian All-Ordinaries index fell 0.6 points to 1,456 points in very quiet trading. "The market was incredibly dull," a broker said, "It wasn't because traders were being cautious, they just weren't interested."

Lower

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index closed 12.98 points lower at 2,589.89.

The London Stock Market was closed for the British holiday.

French shares opened 0.17 per cent easier in quiet trade. Volume was likely to be low — few foreign investors were expected

with London closed.

Expectations of higher US interest rates had little direct effect on the market but dealers said the firmer dollar could boost sentiment.

West German shares began mixed in thin trading, supported by a rise in the dollar but undermined by worries about global interest rates. Frankfurt dealers said.

The British pound was quoted in Europe at \$1.8705, compared with \$1.8753 on Friday.

Pall

Reported intervention by the Bank of England to stem the pound's rise on Friday afternoon cast a slight pall on the pound's near-term prospects, traders said.

Gold fell in Zurich to a bid price of \$447.50 from \$449.00 on Friday.

Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold fell 2.06 to close at a bid \$450.30.

Silver was quoted in Zurich at a bid price of \$6.48 a troy ounce, up from Friday's late London bid price of \$6.45.

Chinese and US banks to issue gold cards

BEIJING, May 2, (Xinhua): The Bank of China and American Express have signed an agreement to issue gold card and corporate charge card in China, according to today's China Daily.

The agreement has been hailed as the first step of co-operation in promoting the ongoing reform and expanding the international network of American Express.

"The agreement with the Bank of China will allow American Express to make its network of worldwide services and expertise available to customers in China," Aldo Papone, president of American Express Travel Related Services, was quoted as saying.

"As Chinese organisations are becoming far more budget conscious, the cards will assist in controlling foreign exchange expenditure," said Li Yumin, executive vice-president of the Bank of China.

Application for any number of cards can be made direct to the Bank of China by organisations with foreign exchange authorisation, said the paper. The cards will be available in three months.

EEC loan for Ecuadorian energy institute

QUITO, May 2, (Opecna): Ecuador's National Institute of Energy is to receive a loan of \$1.25 million from the European Economic Community (EEC) for financial and technical assistance in the country's energy development.

The accord, which was signed by Ecuadorian Undersecretary of Energy and Mines Manuel Horra, is designed to regulate energy efficiency within the industrial sector which has experienced considerable growth.

Under the agreement, the EEC will coordinate with the Ecuadorian government through the institute to implement a "coherent policy" in the energy sector.

The institute will receive technical assistance from international experts to help stimulate rational use of the country's hydrocarbon, agriculture, textile, paper, glass and metallurgical industries.

Economists say taxman gets it wrong, differ on solutions

High tax rates chill the economy: Reagan

LONDON, May 2, (Reuters): Taxes are a key part of governments' economic policies, but many economists believe governments get them wrong.

Some agree with all those people who think their taxes are just too high.

But others are less sure. They wonder if a worldwide trend of cutting income and corporate taxes will really boost economic activity in the way that governments hope.

This year, Britain and the Netherlands cut their top rates of income tax. West German tax reforms approved in March will do the same. A 1986 US tax reform takes effect this year, cutting the top income tax rate from 50 to 28 per cent.

Lower

"We've seen what happens if you tax top managers and engineers too heavily — too many either opt for the quiet life or go abroad where tax rates are lower," said British Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson.

High tax rates, says President Reagan, "chill the economy, reduce personal and business incomes, and thus lower tax receipts."

But some analysts question whether people really do work

harder, and thus earn more money to spend and invest, when governments lower the rate of tax they will pay on their extra earnings — the so-called "marginal tax rate."

It is not that simple, argues Francois Bourguignon, of the Ecole Des Hautes Etudes En Sciences Sociales in Paris.

System

"Given a tax-benefit system, individuals simultaneously choose the work they will do, the net income they will get and the marginal tax rate they will pay," he says. "Marginal tax rates are not policy instruments."

Conservative US economist Milton Friedman thinks tax rates are bad policy tools — if they are raised.

"I believe that higher taxes of any kind, direct or indirect, are bad economics and even worse politics. Tax increases will harm, not benefit, the world economy," he argued, as Reagan and the Congress wrestled over the question of whether taxes should rise to help cut a massive US budget deficit.

"Higher taxes will permit higher (government) spending... higher spending means that government will command a larger fraction of the nation's

resources private individuals a smaller fraction," Friedman said.

Ian Walker, an economist at Britain's University of Manchester, says marginal tax rate cuts can be a useful policy instrument, but only if they are carefully targeted.

And he thinks governments are aiming badly.

"If you cut the marginal tax rate, you may have an incentive to work an extra hour because you can keep more of the extra money you would earn," he said. "But if your income is high enough, and a lower average tax rate means your disposable income is already up, you may well decide you'd rather play golf," Walker said.

Studies

Walker believes recent studies in Britain and the United States suggest that the higher your pay, the more likely you are to decide you can afford the leisure.

But lower-paid workers, and especially women deciding whether or not to start working, do not respond that way.

They tend to decide they need the extra income. Richard Blundell, an economist at University College, London, thinks that the more 'progressive' an income tax

regime is — the more it insists that the rich pay higher rates of tax than the less well-off — the better for an economy.

"The strongest effect of cutting tax rates is at the low end of the pay scale," he said.

But this is the exact opposite of policy in the United States and Britain, where governments are flattening the curve, he said.

Earnings

Using a computerised model of the British economy, he estimated that a recent cut in the highest marginal income tax rate in Britain, to 40 per cent from 60 per cent of taxable earnings above about £20,000 (\$38,000), will lead the wealthiest to cut, for instance, a 40-hour work week by about two hours.

In Norway, where two-thirds of income from a second job is taken for taxes, compared with a basic rate of more than 30 per cent, people do not seem to opt for leisure.

They just do not pay their taxes, said Norway's chief tax inspector, Willy Ovesen.

He thinks his four million fellow citizens try to hide more than £10 billion (\$18 billion) of income a year from tax collectors, money mostly earned from moonlighting.

Gulf Bank weekly market review

KD rates mostly unchanged

Kuwaiti dinar

BASED on opening middle market FX rates, the KD exchange rate was mostly unchanged against US dollar ending the week at 273.54 fils compared with its week before last closing of 273.26 fils.

Against the pound sterling, the KD was higher ending at 513.57 fils compared with its week before last closing of 515.86 fils. The KD was slightly higher against the DM ending the week at 163.49 fils compared with its week before last closing of 163.82 fils.

The KD ended the week higher against the SFR closing at 197.41 compared with its week before last closing at 198.35 fils. As against the Jordanian dinar, the KD was higher, ending the week at 793.21 fils compared with its week before last closing of 796.21 fils. The KD was mostly unchanged against the GCC currencies.

The CBK announced its issue No. (10) for T-Bills on Wednesday of KD100 million. It is expected that the market will respond favourably to this issue.

World stock markets

Wall Street stock prices improved over the last week, but ended easier as inflation fears prompted by news of a larger-than-expected upward revision in Feb's leading indicators index weighed on prices. The Dow Jones Industrial Average opened the week at 2037 and closed at 2032, showing a gain of 17 points over the previous week's closing of 2015.

Share prices on the London Stock Exchange followed a similar trend to Wall Street. The market had a restrained reaction to news of a smaller-than-expected deficit in Britain's March trade and current account position, showing a widespread belief that the good figure represented an ironing out of distortions, caused by a change in customs regulations which widened the gap in previous months.

US dollar

The US dollar continued range trading in FX markets though ended the week slightly firmer against the yen and the mark attempting to test new resistance levels against the mark at 1.68 but failed, however it breached 125 level against the yen but concurred over prospects of higher interest rates weighed on the dollar.

The market was mostly apathetic to a spate of recent data released which confirmed strong economic growth.

US GNP in first quarter 1988, which rose by 2.3 per cent after a rise of 4.8 per cent in fourth quar-

ter 1987, as the rise fell within market forecasts of 1.5 - 3 per cent.

March index of leading indicators rose 0.8 per cent after a revised rise of 1.3 per cent in Feb and falling a revised 0.7 per cent in Jan.

US single home sales rose in March by only 4.0 per cent after a revised Feb increase of 14.1 per cent and a revised fall of 5.8 per cent in Jan.

Yen

The yen ended the holiday-shortened week slightly easier against the US dollar at 125.10/20 yen after being sandwiched in a very tight trading range most of the week around its opening level at 124.60/70 while its closing in the week before last was 124.75/85 yen.

The yen is likely to weaken if the Opec/non-Opec oil exporters agreed to cut oil exports to support oil prices because Japan depends primarily on imported oil.

A host of positive economic indicators were released reflecting the strength of the Japanese economy.

Deutsche mark

The mark opened the week against US dollar at 1.6735/45 and ended the week at 1.6770/80 marks compared to its week before last closing of 1.6745/55 marks. The mark movement against the US dollar was confined to a very narrow range. The mark strengthened against the pound sterling ahead of UK trade data announcement reaching 3.125/128 before closing the week easier at 3.147/150 marks below its week before last closing of 3.157/160 marks.

Pound sterling

The pound sterling moved in a very narrow trading range ahead of the series of meetings with Opec and non-Opec oil exporters. It opened the week at \$1.8720/30 and closed at \$1.8760/70, below the week before last closing level of \$1.8855/65.

The pound was boosted by better than expected UK trade data for March showing a current account deficit of £254 million in March against £724 million in Feb, while the trade deficit was £854 million in March compared with £1.32 billion in Feb.

The French franc

The French franc opened the week against the US dollar at FFR 5.6810/40 and closed lower at FFR 5.7005/35 compared to its week before last closing at franc 5.6845/75.

Earlier in the week in response to the first round of the presidential elections on April 24 which

showed a split in the right-wing vote between Jacques Chirac and Jean Marie Le Pen, the French franc weakened against the mark.

Dealers and economists are divided over the chances for a franc devaluation after May 3, with some saying that both candidates, incumbent Francois Mitterand and Jacques Chirac, are tending to favour unchanged parities, while others say worsening trade figures may force the issue.

The high French unemployment rate and an anti-inflation policy are two major issues on the presidential candidates' campaign.

Swiss franc

The Swiss franc opened the week against the US dollar at SFR 1.3860/70 and closed lower at SFR 1.3960/70 below the week before last closing of SFR 1.3850/60. Outgoing Swiss National Bank President Pierre Luetquin said that Swiss money supply growth in 1988 will fall below the 3 per cent target set for the year and could sink to almost nil without making the Central Bank's policy any more restrictive.

Oil prices

Oil prices in the world markets improved slightly last week. Spot prices for North Sea Brent crude were between \$16.50 - 17.40 range compared with \$16.60 - 17.20 range recorded the week before last. Prices for June cargoes were between \$16.50-17.50 compared with \$16.65-17.30 range recorded the week before last.

Precious metals

Gold

Gold bullion prices traded in a tight trading range, opening the week at \$449.50/450 and closing at \$449/449.50, unchanged from the previous week's closing. Growing pessimism that oil exporters (Opec/non-Opec) might not reach an agreement to a cutback in crude oil exports at their Vienna meeting is generally adding to bearish sentiment and gold is seen likely to test support on the downside at \$448 in the near term.

Silver

Silver bullion prices fluctuated over last week to end the week higher at \$6.46/48 showing a gain of 4 cents over the previous week's closing of \$6.48/50, after having opened unchanged.

Platinum

Platinum prices traded in a narrow range, closing unchanged from the opening level of \$514.50/516 but above the previous week's closing of \$514.50/516 showing a \$2.50 gain.

GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Tender No. C.T/3994
Tender's internal No. 862/88
Concerned party: Kuwait National Petroleum Co.

Requirements: 3 years contract for installation & maintenance of Cathodic Protection System in Shuaiba Refinery & Mina Abdullahi Refinery. Relevant fee: KD500.
Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offers value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday, 7.6.88

Qualified tenderers:
1. Electrical Projects Co.
2. Consolidated Contractors Co. (Conoco)
3. Abdul Latif/Mohd Thumain Al-Ghamdi Est.

4. Mahabir Al Khaled & Partners Inter. Co.
5. Saffran & Partners Contg. Co.
6. Gulf Electrical Engineering Co.
7. High Precision Installation & Maintenance Co.

8. Al Yaqah Trdg. & Electrical Co.
9. Sultan Moh'd Assad Construction Materials & Contg. Est.
10. Ali Moh'd Thumain Al Ghamdi Est.

11. National Mechanical Works & Electrical Services Co.
12. Kuwaiti Controls Co.
13. Al Ahmi & Partners Gen. Contg. Co.

14. Al Muwarrad Trdg. & Contg. Co.
A pre-tender meeting shall be held on Saturday 14.5.88 at 10:00 am in the Materials & Contracts Section, Shuaiba Refinery, to visit the site and discuss the tender conditions.

N.B. — The company representative shall not be allowed to attend the preliminary pre-tender meeting if the bidder fails to notify the K.N.P.C. with the names and designations of his nominees according to the safety and security conditions applied in refineries at least two days before the date of the said meeting.

Bidders offers shall not be considered if he fails to attend the above-said preliminary meeting.

Tender No. 3061/8
Tender's internal No. 859/88
Concerned party: Kuwait National Petroleum Co.

Requirements: Supply of different valves
Relevant fee: KD20
Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offers value
Closing date: 12:00 noon Tuesday 7.6.88

Qualified tenderers:
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Yonkei Valve Co. Ltd. — Petroleum Services Co.
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Showa Valve Co. Ltd. — Hayat Trdg. & Contg. Est.

1. Ishida Valve Meg. Co. Ltd. — Petroleum Services Co.
Hirata Valve Industry Co. Ltd. — Al Thumaini Trdg. Co.

2. Korea Heavy Industries — Abdul Aziz Abdul Mohsen Al Rashid
Sembawang Engineering — Petroleum Services Co.
Harrick Engineering Pte Ltd. — United Shipping Services, Trdg. & Contg. Co.

3. Sulzer Brothers Ltd. — Al Subeih Engineering & Trdg. Co.
TMC Corporation — Warha National Contg. Co.
Mitsubishi Heavy Ind. Ltd. — Three Diamonds Trdg. Co.

4. Kobe Steel Ltd. — Burqan Equipment Est.
The Japan Steel Works Ltd. — Al Thumaini Trdg. Co.
Isabkawa Jima-Harima Heave (IHD) — Petroleum Services Co.
Welders N.V. — do — Luminus Heat Transfer Systems — Sager Al Ghanim Trdg. & Contg. Co.

5. Backer En Ruch Broda BV — Burqan Equipment Est.
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Roile SPA — Al Duaij Engineering Co.

6. Indus Meccaniche Scardellato —

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Sapag — Warha National Contg. Co.

Smith Valve Corporation — Silver Chain Trdg. & Contg. Co.
Tender No. 3053/8
Tender's internal No. 860/88

Concerned party: Kuwait National Petroleum Co.
Requirements: Supply of heat exchangers
Relevant fee: KD30
Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offers value
Closing date: 12:00 noon Sunday 5.6.88

Qualified tenderers:
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8. Korea Heavy Industries — Abdul Aziz Abdul Mohsen Al Rashid
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3. Sulzer Brothers Ltd. — Al Subeih Engineering & Trdg. Co.
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Graham Manufacturing Co. Inc. — Rizayati Trdg. Co.

Tender No. M/1988/18
Tender's internal No. 863/88
Concerned party: Kuwait Oil Company

Requirements: supply & installation of underground telephone cables. Relevant fee: KD20
Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offers value
Closing date: 12:00 noon Tuesday 31.5.88

Qualified tenderers:
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5. Consolidated Contractors Co.
6. Electrical Contg. Co.

7. Fedan Trdg. & Gen. Contg. Co.
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17. Kuwait Laboratories Building & Contg. Co.

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Tender No. M/1988/17
Tender's internal No. 865/88
Concerned party: Kuwait Oil Company

Requirements: construction &



FRENCH CFTD union demonstrators wave a banner proclaiming 'Wake up Joan (of Arc), the Nazis are raping you' as a separate turnout of 50,000 extreme right wing supporters celebrated the feast of Joan of Arc on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



MAY DAY: West Berlin policemen use their truncheons to carry away a protester, arrested during Sunday night's clashes in West Berlin's Kreuzberg district (picture left). At right, Polish demonstrators throw stones at riot police during protests on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



A GROUP of South Korean riot police rest on the road after fighting a pitched battle with petrol bomb-hurling students and workers who demanded free trade unions in the country on Labour Day. (Reuter wirephoto)



FOUR-YEAR-OLD Emma Zietsch slipped on a muddy bank near her home during Sydney's heavy rains on Saturday and was swept 500 metres down a raging underground stormwater drain and into pounding surf where she was rescued by Terry Gorman. Emma and her rescuer returned yesterday to have another look at the drain-pipe where she nearly lost her life. (Reuter wirephoto)



FRENCH fashion designer Pierre Cardin is greeted by Mrs Tien Suharto, the wife of the Indonesian President, when he called at the President's home yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



WINNER of the 500 cc Portuguese motorcycle GP, Eddie Lawson of the US (centre), flanked by second placed Wayne Rainey (left) and Kevin Magee from Australia, shower photographers with champagne, on the podium in Spain, on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



RICK WILSON of Bartow, Florida, driving the Kodak Film Oldsmobile, comes out of the fourth turn with a stream of fire shooting from the bottom of the car after a blown tyre knocked the oil cooler off causing flames, during the Winston 500 race in Talladega, on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



A CHINESE soldier takes a break from his usual duties to act as a golf course marshal at China's first professional golf tournament on Sunday. He is holding up a sign which says 'quiet please' near the 18th green. (Reuter wirephoto)



PET monkey 'Cuore Bello' (Beautiful Heart) grooms the hair of Erika Coppi while she and her husband, Marino, sit on a park bench in Brussels. Marino, who hails from Italy and Erika from Chile, often like to take their monkey for walks in the park. (Reuter wirephoto)



DEMOCRATIC presidential hopeful Michael Dukakis bites into a hotdog during a campaign stop in Ohio, on Sunday, at Tony Packo's Cafe, a tavern made famous by actor Jamie Parr in the television show M.A.S.H. (Reuter wirephoto)



SENIOR Aircraftman John Millar Raeid, 22, from the Glasgow area in Scotland, died along with his friend John Baxter in the IRA bomb blast in Nieuw Bergen, Holland, on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)

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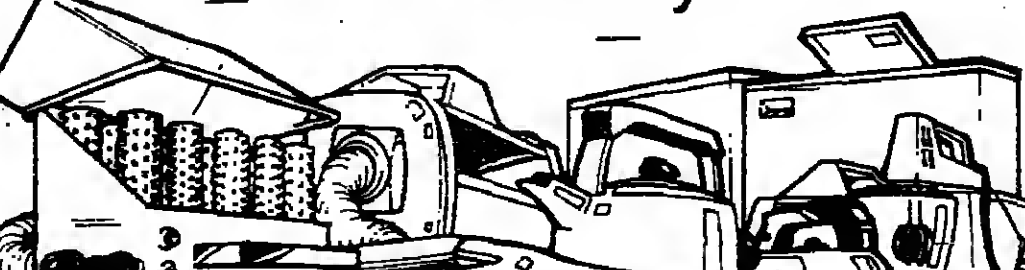
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مکتبہ اعلیٰ

Kuczynska eliminates Horvath

ROME, May 3, (Reuters): American Kathleen Horvath became the first seed to lose in the women's Italian Open Tennis tournament yesterday when she was defeated 6-4 6-0 by hard-hitting Polish outsider Iwona Kuczynska.

The 22-year-old from Florida was completely overpowered by Kuczynska, who used her imposing 1.78 metre height to great effect.

Kuczynska, 27, who has been steadily improving her game over the past year, said she was happy on the slow clay of Rome's Foro Italico as on grass.

"I like to play both. I like the change. On clay you can play softer tennis with drop shots and slice," she said.

Kuczynska defeated to the United States in 1981 but never became an American citizen and she expects to have her Polish passport restored to her soon.

For the past two years she has been living in Paris, undergoing treatment for an elbow injury which has dogged her five years.

"Now my arm is much better. I feel young again and full of confidence," she said.

Her ambition is to play again for Poland in the Federation Cup. "I would like to do something for the country," she said. "I had nothing against them except I couldn't travel."

Thirteenth seed Judith Wiesner of Austria had a tough first round match, taking four sets to overcome Italy's Gabriella Boschiero.

The 22-year-old, who reached the quarterfinals here last year, suffered lapses of concentration and made countless errors before finally pulling her game together to win 6-3 5-7 6-2.

American Chris Evert heads the seedings for the tournament, followed by Argentine teenager Gabriela Sabatini. Both have first round byes.

Martina Navratilova, ranked second in the world, dropped out of the competition last week, because of injury.

Last year's winner Steffi Graf of West Germany, the world's top ranked player had already decided not to play because she said she did not want to meet Navratilova in any but Grand Slam tournaments.

GOMEZ TAKES ORESAR TO TASK

Jaite and Kriek fall in first round

NEW YORK, May 3, (Reuters): Third seed Martin Jaite of Argentina yesterday was shocked by Gilad Bloom, rated 143 places lower on the world rankings computer, 6-4 2-6 6-2 in the first round of the \$677,500 Tournament of Champions at Forest Hills.

The 21-year-old Bloom, who has had little past success on clay, called his victory over one of the top players in the world on the surface, "by far the best" win of his career.

Struggle
The only other seed to fall on the cold, wet and windy opening day of play was American Johan Kriek, who lost a two-hour and five minute struggle to Australian Simon Youl 6-7 6-4 7-5.

The 11th-seeded Kriek took the first set tiebreak 8-6. But Youl, who did not lose his serve after the third game of the first set, came up with one crucial break in each of the next two sets which was enough to oust the South African-born Kriek.

Second seed and defending champion Andres Gomez of Ecuador played his usual steady

clay court baseline game to eliminate Bruno Oresar of Yugoslavia 6-2 6-4.

"I'm very satisfied with the way I played. It's probably the best I hit the ball so far this year," said the big left-hander who added: "It was a good feeling coming out here where I won last year."

The 12th-ranked Gomez suffered a brief concentration lapse in the second set. "I thought there were so many bad calls. I started to get frustrated," he said.

Oresar, ranked 141, fought off four match points against his serve in the ninth game to hold for 5-4, but Gomez converted his second match point of the next game to advance.

Bloom outplayed Jaite from the baseline and scored consistently with perfectly placed drop shots.

"I passed him pretty well and I attacked the short balls better than him," said Bloom.

Jaite, ranked world 14, came up with three service breaks to take the second set. But the hard-hitting Bloom was right back in



Gomez eliminated Oresar

control as he jumped out to a 3-1 third set lead after Jaite netted an easy forehand volley to lose serve in the second game.

"I always have a kind of a mental let down after winning

the first set," Bloom confessed.

Bloom put the match out of reach with another break in the seventh game to lead 5-2 and held serve to take the match.

Jaite, who reached the quar-

terfinals here last year and was expected to figure in the hunt for the \$127,600 winner's prize this year, was clearly shaken by the defeat.

"I've lost all my confidence. I don't know what happened," said the backbone of the Argentine Davis Cup team.

In other first round action, 10th-seeded American Eliot Teltscher, 13th-seeded Luis Mattar of Brazil, 14th-seeded New Zealander Kelly Evernden, 15th-seeded Czechoslovak Milan Srejber and 16th seed Thomas Muster of Austria all advanced in straight sets.

Postponed

The scheduled centre court night match featuring eighth-seeded Yugoslav Slohodan Zivojinovic against American wild card entry Jim Courier was postponed until today after yet another lengthy rain delay.

Top seed Stefan Edberg of Sweden and fourth-seeded former world number one John McEnroe are also scheduled to play first round matches this evening.

Davis clinches fifth crown

SHEFFIELD, England, May 3, (Reuters): Steve Davis of England collected a prize of £95,000 (\$178,600) when he claimed his fifth World Professional Snooker Championship yesterday by beating Welshman Terry Griffiths 18-11 in the final.

Davis, the world number one, was being held 8-8 overnight in the best-of-35-frame final but was irresistible when play resumed and won 10 of the last 13 frames.

Short

The victory took his earnings for the season to £425,000 (\$799,000), only £50,000 (\$94,000) short of the total prize money on offer at the World Championship.

Griffiths, appearing in his first world final since he won the title at his first attempt in 1979, had the considerable consolation of a £57,000 (\$107,160) runner's up prize.

West Indies predict no thrashing of England this time

LONDON, May 3, (Reuters): West Indies cricketers launched their 15-week tour of England with a lengthy practice session at Lord's yesterday — and immediately played down the prospect of another clean sweep.

Captain Viv Richards and company were back at work less than a week after winding their three-Test series against Pakistan.

Handed
Tour manager Jackie Hendricks offered early encouragement to the home team's supporters by predicting no repeat of the 5-0 thrashings West Indies handed England in 1984 and 1986.

"Having lost the likes of Lloyd, Garner, Holding and Gomes, we don't have the flavour of an invincible side," said Hendricks, who made 20 Tests appearances for West Indies in the 1960s.

"The youngsters we have brought in are full of talent and I think they will give a good account of themselves. Hopefully we will win what should be an interesting series between two reasonably good teams, but I don't see any sort of 5-0 situation this time."

West Indies have not won a series since that last clean sweep against David Gower's England.

side in the Caribbean. Since then they have drawn with India, New Zealand and Pakistan twice.

But the likes of Richards, Desmond Haynes, Gordon Greenidge and Malcolm Marshall still around, England's depressing run of 12 Tests without a victory will take some ending.

Among a 17-strong West Indian party are four relative newcomers in pacemen Curtley Ambrose and Ian Bishop, left-handed batsman Keith Arthurton and reserve wicketkeeper David Williams.

Ambrose, a six-foot-six-inch (1.98 metre) tall Garner-style fast bowler from the Leeward Isles, took a record 35 wickets during his last domestic season and played in all three Tests against Pakistan.

Only worry for West Indies yesterday was a rib injury which prevented Marshall from bowling in the indoor nets at Lord's.

Struck a painful blow by Wasim Akram during last week's final Test in Barbados, he was sufficiently concerned to seek a check from Middlesex county physiotherapist Jim Davis. But Marshall insisted: "I wouldn't be in the party if I wasn't fit."

West Indies' first outing is a charity game against Clive Lloyd's XI at Uxbridge on Thursday.

Middlesex rout Essex

LONDON, May 3, (Reuters): Former England pace bowler Norman Cowans continued his impressive early season form, taking four wickets yesterday as Middlesex crushed Essex by 176 runs at Lord's to move into second place behind Worcestershire in the English County Championship.

Cowans took four for 45 and fellow paceman Simon Hughes three for 45 as Essex, one of the pre-season favourites for the championship, laboured to 175 all out.

Haul
While Cowans and Hughes did most of the damage, Neil Williams, whose six-wicket haul in the first innings gave Middlesex the initiative, gained the prize scalp of the day. He had informed England opener Graham

Gooch caught behind for 12. Hughes' dismissal of Australian captain Allan Border for 19 effectively ended Essex's hopes of victory.

Another former England pace bowler, Lancashire's Paul Allott, completed match figures of eight for 98 in the drawn match with Warwickshire at Old Trafford.

He took five for 63 in Warwickshire's second innings total of 297. Lancashire, chasing 236 for victory, had reached 83 for one when rain intervened for the third and final time.

A three-hour delay for rain also consigned the Glamorgan-Somerset clash at Cardiff to a draw. Following on 276 behind, Somerset cruised to 100 for no wicket with Nigel Felton hitting 64.

Hassey takes Athletics past Tigers

NEW YORK, May 3, (AP): Ron Hassey hit a two-run homer and drove in two more runs with a two-out double in the 10th inning to lead the Oakland Athletics to a 4-2 victory over the Detroit Tigers last night.

It was Oakland's eighth straight victory, while the Tigers had a four-game winning streak snapped.

Indians 3, Angels 0
Greg Swindell pitched a two-hitter for his sixth straight victory and second career shutout, and Brook Jacoby drove in two runs as the Cleveland Indians beat the California Angels 3-0.

The Indians broke a three-game losing streak to remain in first place in the American League East. Their 17-7 record matches the second-best start in their history.

Royals 2, Red Sox 0
George Brett had two doubles and a single, and the Kansas City Royals beat the Boston Red Sox 2-0 behind the clutch pitching of Floyd Bannister and three

relievers.

Bannister, 4-1, pitched 5 2-3 innings, allowing six hits, including three doubles. It was the second straight shutout loss for the Red Sox, who were blanked by Frank Viola of Minnesota on Sunday.

Orioles 9, Rangers 4
The Baltimore Orioles, spurred by a noisy crowd of 50,402 on "fantastic fans night," returned home and beat the Texas Rangers 9-4 as Cal Ripken homered and doubled.

The Orioles, 2-23 after a 1-11 road trip, won for the first time in nine tries at Memorial stadium this year. Before the game, Maryland Gov. William Donald Schaefer announced the team and the city had worked out a 15-year lease that includes a new, downtown ballpark.

Brewers 4, Twins 3
Dale Sveum's two-out single capped a three-run second inning, and Odel Jones pitched four innings of hitless relief as the Milwaukee Brewers defeated the

Minnesota Twins 4-3 and beat Bert Blyleven for the first time in three years.

The Brewers' victory was their first over Blyleven since May 22, 1985. The Twins right-hander had beaten Milwaukee seven straight times, including six in a row since coming to Minnesota in August of '85.

Yankees 6, White Sox 4
Rickey Henderson scored the tie-breaking run on a wild pitch in the 12th inning, and Don Mattingly scored on an error on the same play as the New York Yankees defeated the Chicago White Sox 6-4.

Standings

National League			
East Division			
	W	L	Pct
Pittsburgh	17	7	.708
New York	16	7	.696
Chicago	11	13	.458
Montreal	10	12	.455
St. Louis	10	14	.417
Philadelphia	8	13	.381
West Division			
	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	14	8	.636
Houston	14	9	.609

Cincinnati	12	12	.500
San Francisco	12	13	.480
San Diego	9	14	.391
Atlanta	5	16	.238
Monday's games			
Cincinnati	3	Montreal	2
Atlanta	3	New York	1
Philadelphia	7	Houston	1
Los Angeles	6	Pittsburgh	3
Chicago	5	San Diego	2
St. Louis	5	San Francisco	1

American League			
East Division			
	W	L	Pct
Cleveland	17	7	.708
New York	17	8	.680
Boston	14	8	.636
Detroit	14	9	.609
Milwaukee	11	11	.500
Toronto	10	14	.416
Baltimore	2	23	.080
West Division			
	W	L	Pct
Oakland	18	7	.720
Kansas City	13	11	.542
Chicago	12	11	.522
Seattle	11	15	.423
California	10	15	.400
Minnesota	9	14	.391
Texas	9	14	.391

Monday's games			
Baltimore	9	Texas	4
Kansas City	2	Boston	0
Cleveland	3	California	0
Oakland	4	Detroit	2
New York	6	Chicago	3
Milwaukee	4	Minnesota	4
Seattle	7	Toronto	5

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SPORTS

Kieft hits four goals for PSV

AMSTERDAM, May 2. (Reuters) Dutch international Wim Kieft hit four goals yesterday as European Cup finalists PSV Eindhoven, blasted 11th-placed Sparta 6-2 in the Dutch Soccer First Division.

European Cup Winners' Cup holders and finalists Ajax Amsterdam also won, 3-1 against Haarlem, but played behind closed doors as a disciplinary measure.

PSV, already assured of their third consecutive League title but beaten last week by relegation candidates Groningen, took a while to get into their stride. They eventually went ahead with a 27th-minute goal by Hans Gillhaus, while Kieft increased the lead 10 minutes later.

Fired

But the Dutch champions, who meet Portugal's Benfica in the European final on May 25, moved into a higher gear in the second half. Kieft fired three goals in less than 15 minutes, boosting his leading tally in the League to 26.

Ajax lost an estimated \$6,000 guilders in revenue (\$43,000) because they had to play in an empty home stadium as punishment for bad crowd behaviour.

The Dutch Soccer Association (KNVB) told Ajax to play behind closed doors after fans threw eggs onto the pitch in a match against PSV in February.

John Bosman scored twice for Ajax and Swedish defender Peter Larsson once for the Amsterdam team, who face Mechelen of Belgium in the Cup Winners' Cup final on May 11.

Sociedad stay on course for runners-up spot

MADRID, May 2. (Reuters) Real Sociedad, with Jesus Zamora and Jose Zuniga combining for both their goals in a 2-2 draw at Cadiz yesterday, remained on course to finish runners-up to Spanish Soccer League champions Real Madrid.

Second-placed Sociedad are four points clear of both Athletic Bilbao, who drew 1-1 home to Valencia, and Atletico Madrid, who drew 1-1 against Espanol on Saturday. There are three more matches to play.

Newly-crowned champions Real Madrid went down 2-0 away on Saturday to their great rivals Barcelona, who have essentially endured a dismal season.

Mistake

Salvadoran striker Jose Gonzalez put Cadiz ahead of Sociedad after eight minutes, making no mistake from a rebound after a shot by Uruguayan Jose Zalazar hit a post.

Sociedad equalised 15 minutes later when defender Zuniga weaved past Cadiz defenders and centered for Zamora to score.

After the interval, Zamora returned the favour, creating the chance for Zuniga to put the Basques ahead with a strong shot. But Cadiz responded with an equaliser six minutes later through Argentine striker Luis Cabrera.

PROST FINISHES IN SECOND PLACE

Senna dominates San Marino Grand Prix

IMOLA, Italy, May 2. (Reuters) Brazilian Ayrton Senna made up for his disappointments in previous years when he led from start to finish to win the San Marino Grand Prix in faultless style yesterday.

Senna, who started on pole position for the fourth consecutive year, took full advantage for the first time as he led teammate Alain Prost of France home in a convincing triumph for the Honda-powered McLaren team.

Senna's fellow-Brazilian world champion Nelson Piquet finished third in a Lotus to give Honda turbo-powered cars the three top places.

Ahead

Belgium Thierry Boutsen was fourth in a normally aspirated Benetton ahead of Austrian Gerhard Berger in a Ferrari and Italian Alessandro Nannini in the second Benetton.

Senna's win lifts him into second position in the Drivers' world championship with nine points behind leader Prost who has 15.

The McLaren drivers, who dominated practice and begun from the front row of the grid, never allowed any of their rivals an opportunity to steal ahead of

them and lapped the rest of the field.

Rain looked likely at the start but never arrived and the race was run in dry conditions with Senna in command from the first corner.

The Brazilian made a perfect getaway from the grid and built up a six-second lead on second placed Piquet by the fifth lap.

Prost, whose engine almost stalled at the start, was passed by Piquet, Riccardo Patrese, Nannini and Berger and had to fight back from sixth place — a challenge he relished as he overhauled Piquet to move into second place on the eighth lap.

"That start and the slow cars at the back of the field were my only problems," Prost, who won the opening Brazilian Grand Prix, said.

"Senna and I have a good car and we can play between us a little I think. It will be good for the sport."

Senna said: "I slowed down on the last lap just to make sure. I had no real problems but did have smoke coming into the cockpit when I braked hard. I was also worried about my car lever which started to work loose and sometimes it jumped out of gear."



Senna (centre) on the podium with Prost (right) and Piquet. (Reuters wirephoto)

"The car was very good and for the first time in my life I have a real chance of winning races and challenging Alain for the world title."

Once Prost had joined Senna at the front, the McLarens were

in no trouble as they relentlessly extended their lead and much attention was taken by the battle for fourth position between the leading normally aspirated cars.

It was eventually won by Boutsen, but only after his teammate

The Brazilian said: "The gap between us and the McLarens is bigger than in Brazil but we Brazilians say that hope is the last thing that dies."

One of the highlights of the race was Mansell's passing of Piquet on the 40th lap. Piquet, however, fought back immediately to regain third place from his former Williams teammate and rival.

Mansell, the 1987 winner had started 11th on the grid and drove with great determination to climb into fourth position before overheating led to engine failure.

Sustained

The race proved again the dominance of the turbo-charged cars. Only the Benetons of the normally aspirated cars, powered by Ford engines, managed a sustained challenge.

It was another disappointing day for Ferrari. The Italian team gave their home crowd little to cheer with Berger only matching fifth position from Nannini in the closing stages and Alboreto retiring six laps from the end. Both drivers complained their cars lacked power.

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Shastri guides Glamorgan to win

LONDON, May 2. (Reuters) Indian all-rounder Ravi Shastri's fine early-season batting form continued yesterday when he guided Glamorgan to an eight-wicket victory over Somerset in the English Sunday League one-day 40 overs cricket competition.

Shastri, who hit 157 against Somerset during the week in the county championship, cracked an unbeaten 53 in Glamorgan's 138 for two from 16 overs. Somerset had scored 134 for five of their 16 overs in the rain-restricted match.

All but one of yesterday's matches were affected by rain, although only the Yorkshire-Derbyshire game had to be abandoned.

The most dramatic cricket of the day came at Canterbury where Neil Taylor and Richard Ellison added 93 for the eighth wicket to give Kent a two-wicket victory over Hampshire off the match's penultimate ball.

Kent, chasing 216 to win, were facing defeat at 116 for seven in

the 31st over.

But Taylor and Ellison had other ideas. Taylor hit a six and eight fours in his unbeaten 63 and Ellison smashed two sixes in his 34 not out.

For Hampshire, David Turner became only the sixth player to score over 6,000 runs in the competition when he hit 54 in a total of 215 for nine.

County champions Nottinghamshire upset League title holders Worcestershire on a faster scoring rate, thanks largely to a 53-run opening stand by England pair Chris Broad and Tim Robinson.

Broad scored 35 and Robinson 20 as Nottinghamshire, set 157 to win off 25 overs, reached their target with two balls to spare in the final over bowled by acting Worcestershire captain Ian Botham.

Results

At Headingley: Yorkshire v Derbyshire match abandoned. Derbyshire 157 in 31 overs (S. Goldsmith 40). Yorkshire 36 for

three in 12 overs when rain stopped play. Yorkshire and Derbyshire 2 points.

At Worcester: Nottinghamshire beat Worcestershire on a faster scoring rate in a rain-restricted match. Worcestershire 169 for seven in 25 overs (D. D'Oliveira 54 not out, T. Curtis 45). Nottinghamshire, needing 157 off 25 overs, scored 157 for five in 24.4 overs (J. Birch 41 not out). Notts 4 points.

At Canterbury: Kent beat Hampshire by two wickets. Hampshire 215 for nine in 25 overs (C. Smith 70, D. Turner 54). Kent 218 for eight in 39.5 overs (N. Taylor 68, M. Benson 44). Kent 4 points.

At Leicester: Leicestershire beat Northamptonshire by 48 runs in rain-restricted match. Leicestershire 173 for eight in 25 overs (L. Potter 49, C. Lewis 40). Northamptonshire, needing 161 in 37 overs, scored 112 in 32.5 overs (L. Taylor three for 20). Northants 4 points.

At Lord's: Middlesex beat Essex by 26 runs in a match

reduced to 34 overs because of rain. Middlesex 198 for eight in 33.3 overs (W. Slack 41). Essex 172 in 33.3 overs (D. Pringle 40, N. Cowans three for 20, N. Williams three for 30). Middlesex 4 points.

At Old Trafford: Lancashire beat Warwickshire on a faster scoring rate in a rain-restricted match. Warwickshire 212 for five in 37.1 overs (A. Kallicharran 63, D. Smith 48, G. Humphage 46). Lancashire, requiring 143 in 25 overs, 144 for nine in 24.3 overs (P. Allott 43, G. Small four for 44). Lancashire 4 points.

At Bristol: Gloucestershire beat Sussex by seven wickets in rain-restricted match. Sussex 69 for five in 10 overs in 25 overs. Gloucestershire 71 for three in 9.1 overs. Gloucester 4 points.

At Cardiff: Glamorgan beat Somerset by eight wickets in rain-restricted match. Somerset 134 for five in 16 overs in 25 overs. Glamorgan 138 for two in 16 overs (R. Shatri 53 not out, G. Holmes 43). Glamorgan 4 points.

Harwood scores one-shot victory

QUINTA DO LAGO, Portugal, May 2. (Reuters) Australian Mike Harwood, at the age of 29, became the fourth first time winner on the European circuit yesterday when he shot a final round three-under-par 69 to win the Portuguese Open golf championship.

Harwood's four-round total of 280 left him one stroke ahead of Ireland's Eamonn Darcy.

Harwood's winnings of \$33,000 (\$62,000) put him behind only Spain's Severiano Ballesteros in the order of merit.

The 1986 Australian PGA champion started his victory charge by holing a 20-yard bunker shot for a birdie three.

big Dutchman got possession in a goalmouth scramble and knocked the ball to Van Basten, who had come on in the second half to substitute Roberto Donadoni. Van Basten scrambled the ball home.

Napoli desperately counter-attacked, with Careca heading the final goal from a cross by Giordano, but in spite of Milan conceding three corners in the closing minutes of the game, the champions could not find an equaliser.

All now rests on the final two Sundays of the League. Milan still have to meet Juventus at home and lowly Como away, while Napoli go to Fiorentina next week and then face Sampdoria at home.

Third-placed Roma, who trail Napoli by an unattainable six points, pulled off a 2-1 home win against Fiorentina with two goals from Giuseppe Giannini. Siedano Rebonato got one back for the Florence side in the second half.

But fourth-placed Sampdoria went down 3-1 at Internazionale and fifth-placed Torino suffered a 2-1 defeat in their local derby against Juventus.

Juventus, producing a late rally after their most disappointing season in recent years, scored through Roberto Tricella and Welsh international Ian Rush, while Torino's goal came from Austrian winger Anton Polster.

Strange beats Norman in playoff

THE WOODLANDS, Texas, May 2. (Reuters) American Curtis Strange sank a 25-foot birdie putt on the third hole of a sudden death playoff to defeat Australia's Greg Norman and win the \$700,000 Houston Open golf tournament yesterday.

Strange and Norman duelled head-to-head throughout the day with American Tome Kile also sharing at times in the lead before Norman assumed a one-shot lead with one hole to play.

His seven-iron shot to within six feet of the cup on the 17th hole set up a birdie that moved Norman to 18-under-par, one ahead of Strange.

On the difficult 445-yard par-four 18th hole, Strange ripped a three-iron second shot over the water to within four feet of the cup and sank the putt for a dramatic tying birdie.

Both players recorded pars on the first two playoff holes with Norman missing 15-foot birdie putts on each before Strange again birdied the 18th hole, this time with a four-iron and a 25-foot putt.

Birdie

The win was Strange's third in Houston, all coming in playoffs. He won over Lee Trevino in 1980 and defeated Calvin Peete in 1986. The win over Peete in 1986

also came on the third extra hole, and was again a long birdie putt on the 18th hole.

The victory was the 13th of his career and worth \$126,000 to Strange, who posted rounds of 69 68 66 67 for a 270 total.

Norman, who won in his last US start two weeks ago, earned \$75,600 for his second place showing and moved over the \$2 million mark in career earnings.

Kite, who shared the lead after 13 holes finished two shots back at 16-under-par 272 and won \$47,600 while American tour Rookie Brian Tennyson and compatriot Jim Carter finished in a tie and won \$30,800 each.

Milan edge Napoli to seize League lead

ROME, May 2. (Reuters) Ruud Gullit's AC Milan produced their finest form yesterday to beat champions Napoli 3-2 away and take over as leaders of the Italian First Division by a single point with two games to go.

The visitors, undeterred by a deafening partisan 90,000-strong crowd, seized the lead in the 35th minute through Antonio Virdis and, in spite of an equaliser on half-time by Napoli's Argentine World Cup captain Diego Maradona, never looked back.

Virdis put Milan ahead again in the 71st minute and Gullit's Dutch team-mate, Marco van Basten, made it 3-1 eight minutes later.

Assault

Napoli, scrambling to salvage some pride, launched a late assault in which Brazil's Careca put away their second goal with four minutes remaining, but his effort was too late to save the match.

The match, eagerly anticipated in Italy and dubbed "the game of the season," began slowly with big-occasion nerves obvious on both sides.

But European Footballer of the Year Gullit and midfield team-mate Carlo Ancelotti showed early on they intended to push Milan into attack.

Napoli, conscious that only Milan can prevent them retaining the title, played cautiously



Milan players jump as Maradona (right) sends a curling shot past the defensive wall. (Reuters wirephoto)

and defensively but were spurred to attack when they conceded Virdis' goal, scored after a finely-placed free-kick by Gullit.

Maradona urged his side forward and after several dangerous moves Napoli won a free-kick just outside the penalty area. The Argentine scored from his favourite and most productive set-piece, a curling shot to the

right of the defensive wall that had Milan goalkeeper Giovanni Gullit diving in vain.

The San Paolo stadium, where only 1,000 Milan fans were allowed entry for security reasons, erupted in a hail of fireworks, but the jubilation was short lived.

In the second half, Milan, who have been chasing Napoli since the title holders took command

of the First Division in October, looked more determined than ever.

Gullit made their second goal after picking up a loose ball near the halfway line and storming down the pitch before crossing neatly to Virdis, who chipped it into the net.

Minutes later, with all the pressure on the Napoli goal, the

SPORTS BRIEFS

Welsh Rally

CARDIFF, Wales, May 2. IAF Finland's Pentti Airikkala, driving a Mitsubishi Starion, won the 330-mile Welsh Rally yesterday finishing half a minute ahead of former champion Jimmy McRae of Scotland.

Champions Trophy

BRISBANE, Australia, May 2. (AP) Australia will host the 1992 Champions Trophy field hockey tournament, Australian Hockey Federation executive director Keith Merton announced today.

Chess player

BUDAPEST, May 2. (Reuters) Eleven-year-old Hungarian Judit Polgar may soon supplant American Bobby Fischer as the youngest chess player to become an international master, the Hungarian news agency MTI said today.

Lexcen dies

SYDNEY, Australia, May 2. (UPI) Ben Lexcen, designer of the revolutionary America's Cup-winning yacht Australia II, died in the hospital yesterday, following a heart attack, hospital authorities said.

UEFA Cup

LEVERKUSEN, West Germany, May 2. (Reuters) Bayer Leverkusen have injury worries to four players ahead of Wednesday's first leg match in the UEFA Cup final against Espanol Barcelona, trainer Erich Ribbeck said yesterday.

Rugby match

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, May 2. (AP) New Zealand provincial side Wellington shrugged off memories of last week's thrashing by Auckland to notch an upset 22-16 win over New South Wales in the fourth round of the South Pacific Rugby Union Championships yesterday.

Pittsburgh race

PITTSBURGH, PA., May 2. (Reuters) Margaret Groos won a spot on the US women's Olympic team yesterday when she won the Pittsburgh marathon in two hours 29 minutes 50 seconds.

Kobe Relay

KOBE, Japan, May 2. (AP) Moses Tanui of Kenya won the men's 10,000-metre race yesterday in the Kobe Relay Carnival Track and Field Meet.

NBA games

NEW YORK, May 2. (Reuters) First-round results of National Basketball Association (NBA) playoff games yesterday:

Eastern Conference: Boston Celtics 128, New York Knicks 102 (Boston lead best-of-five game series 2-0); Chicago Bulls 106, Cleveland Cavaliers 101 (Chicago lead series 2-0); Atlanta Hawks 104, Milwaukee Bucks 97 (Atlanta lead series 2-0). Western Conference: Seattle SuperSonics 111, Denver Nuggets 91 (Series tied 1-1); Los Angeles Lakers 130, San Antonio Spurs 112 (Los Angeles lead series 2-0).

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